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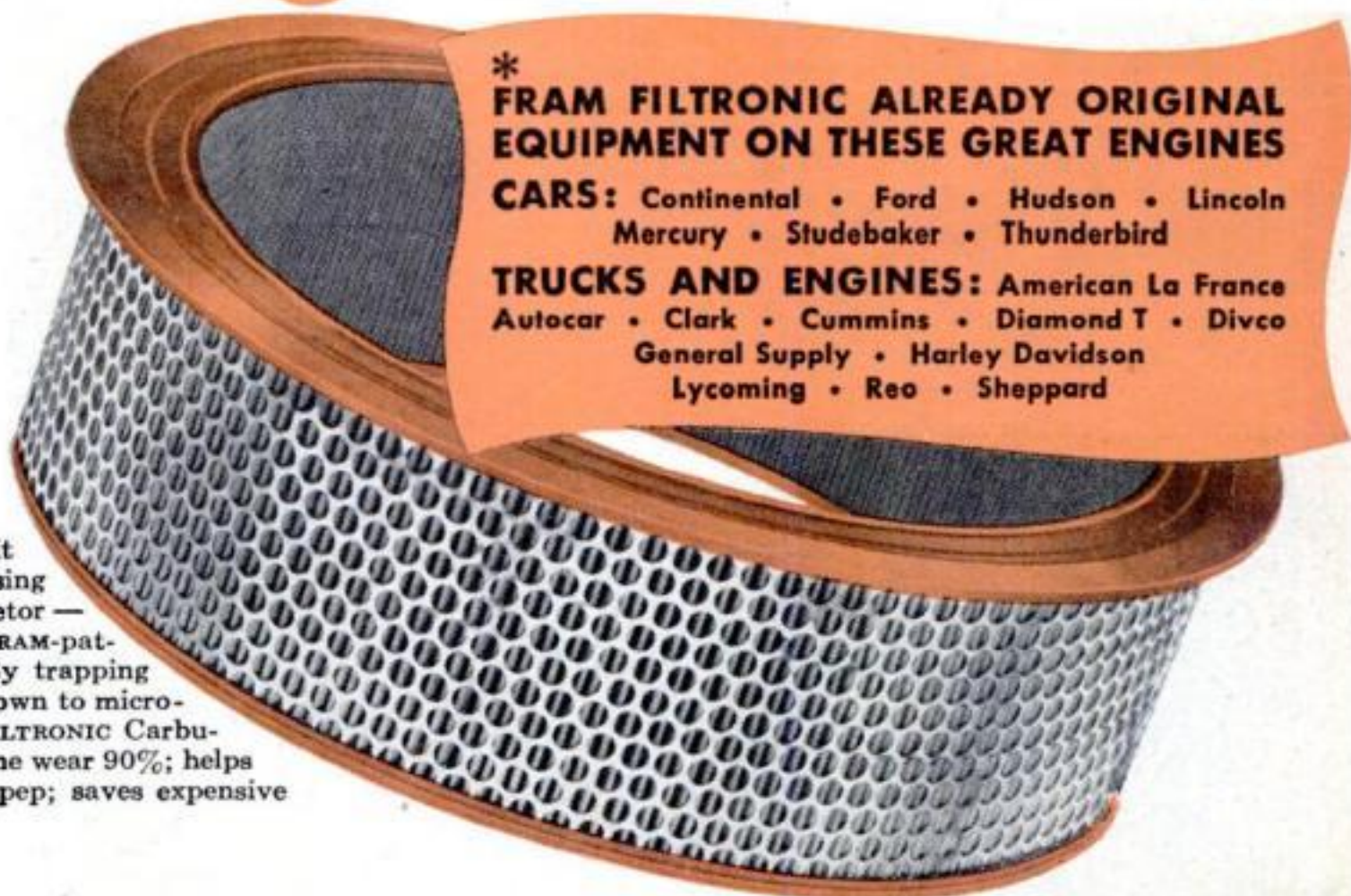
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### He'd Make Speeding Noisy

I HAD been thinking about speedometers when I came across a discussion in your Letters column in the March 1955 issue, which I saved to reread for its boats section. It appears to me that the ideal speedometer should:

1. Warn you when you are driving faster than a pre-decided speed;
2. Permit the owner (Dad) to pre-decide



the top speed to be driven by someone borrowing the car (son or daughter).

These functions could be achieved by a switch and key connecting the speedometer and the horn. For a superhighway the switch might be set at 55 m.p.h.—any time you went over this speed the horn would blow until you slowed down again.

When your teen-ager takes the car, you figure the route and decide on a top limit, say 45. You simply set the switch at 45 miles per hour and remove the key. If he speeds, there goes the horn.

This permits him all the power the car has for passing and emergencies, but makes it embarrassing to disobey your limit. So you sleep nights instead of worrying.

MICHAEL J. KOROSKYS, Dracut, Mass.

### Upside-Down Planes Still Used

THAT very interesting article on old-fashioned tools [July, p. 139] says that the early colonists used their planes upside-down, and pushed the boards over them. Chinese woodworkers still do; the plane is equipped with four legs, and the man just pushes the board. The Chinese have an extra trick. For ordinary work, the plane "bottom" is

flat. But for cutting barrel staves, a dished plane with matching blade is used to make the staves bigger in the middle.

E. STORY HILDRETH, Brooklyn, Conn.

### More on Snakes

I READ your article, "False Ideas About Snakes," [July, p. 134] with much interest, but there is one point I don't agree with.

You say that the tiger snake of Australia is the most poisonous. That notoriety properly belongs to another Australian snake, the taipan. Found in subtropical areas, it grows to a length of about 10 feet and has long fangs.

A taipan's bite is almost always fatal if not treated within seconds.

Tiger snakes are more numerous, so the total number of deaths from tiger-snake bites is higher than from taipan bites. But the percentage of deaths among those bitten by tiger snakes is only 40 percent; among taipan victims the percentage of deaths is 60 percent.

MICHAEL R. HARRIS,  
Nowra, N.S.W., Australia

... I particularly enjoyed reading the July issue because of the excellent question-and-answer section on snakes by Clifford Pope. Interesting and truthful articles like Mr. Pope's help to show people that snakes are not repulsive, mysterious animals, but attractive, helpful ones which save the farmer



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RICHARD MILNER, 1st Vice-President,  
Reptile Club, Bayside, N. Y.

### Safer Way to Sharpen Stakes?

WOULD not the operation suggested in "Heel Makes Sharpening Pad," [Aug., p. 181] be quite dangerous? If the stake being sharpened should slip down off the rubber pad on the post, the hatchet could do quite a butchering job on the operator. A pad on the ground would be so much safer.

CHARLOTTE C. MARSH,  
South Burlington, Vt.



### There Is a Paint Pen for Cars

One of the features of your "I'd Like to See Them Make" column in September was a request from M. M. Carey of Newcastle,

Pa., for a paint pencil for touch-up jobs on the automobile.

Chrysler makes something very similar—a touch-up paint applicator that looks and operates like a fountain pen. If Mr. Carey would like to see them make it in person, I'd like to invite him to visit our MoPar plant the next time he is in Detroit.

SAM PETOK, Chrysler Corp., New York City

### Latest News: 60 Million Years Old

COME again with that business about the radio star "Cygnus A" being two galaxies in collision 60 million light years from the earth ["90-Foot Eyes on Wheels Will Locate Radio Stars," July, p. 88]? This means that the signals picked up from Cygnus A left it 60 million years ago! Please pass the salt!

L. C. FLEISCHER,  
Port Elizabeth, South Africa

*The universe is an awfully big place. The closest star is the sun, and its light requires about eight minutes to reach us. There are only a few other stars close enough for their light to reach earth in less than 10 years' traveling time. Many*

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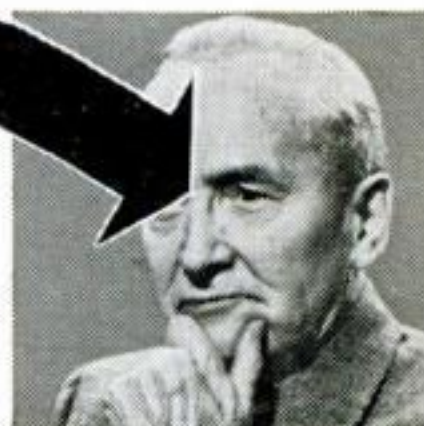
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### The Volkswagen Is Roomy?

I'M GLAD Messrs. Luckett and Francis enjoyed their trip in the Volkswagen, as I knew they would ["Volkswagen Races 858 Miles. . ." Sept., p. 144]. In fairness to the VW's designer, though, it should be mentioned that climbing in tail-end-first is about as practical as entering a Continental through the window. I get my six-foot-three-inch frame in and out of my '55 VW in about 0.2 seconds with no special display of agility.

What's more, I can drive quite comfortably with a fedora on, an accommodation that is not offered by any of the current Detroit-mades.

JAMES VAN SICLEN, Queens Village, N. Y.

Associate Editor Francis reported: "... Luckett's getting aboard [the VW] was a production. He opened the right door,



backed onto the seat, scissored his legs and somehow got himself stowed in."

### Smear or Erase?

THAT suggestion of George Stevenson for an eraser key on typewriters ["I'd Like to See Them Make," Aug., p. 60] couldn't work quite the way he proposed. If the tiny pad soaked in eradicator were clipped on a present key, it would merely discolor the ink on the typewriter ribbon, not eradicate the error.

W. J. WOODIN JR., Darien, Conn.

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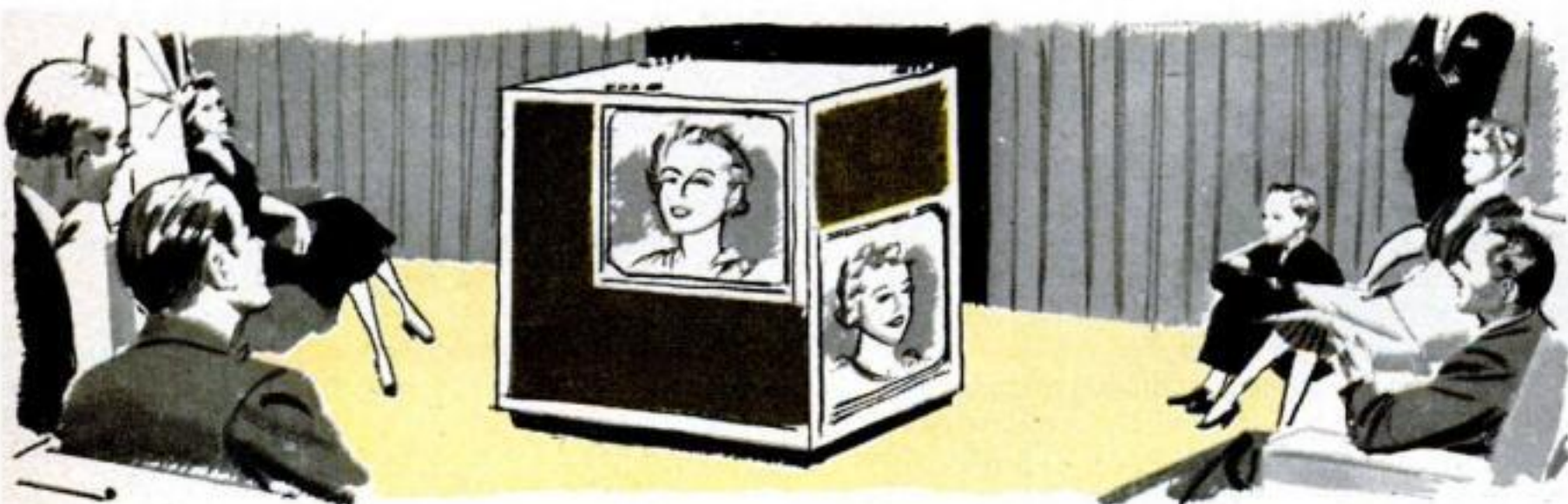
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rearrangement of the furniture. Mirrors installed within the cabinet could duplicate the picture from a single television tube for all-around viewing.—*Korion Nagian, Los Angeles, Calif.*



**OUTSIDE DEFROSTERS** for car windshields, with engine heat passing through louvers fitted with baffles to keep out the rain or snow.—*Cpl. E. W. Birkholtz, Fort Monmouth, N. J.*



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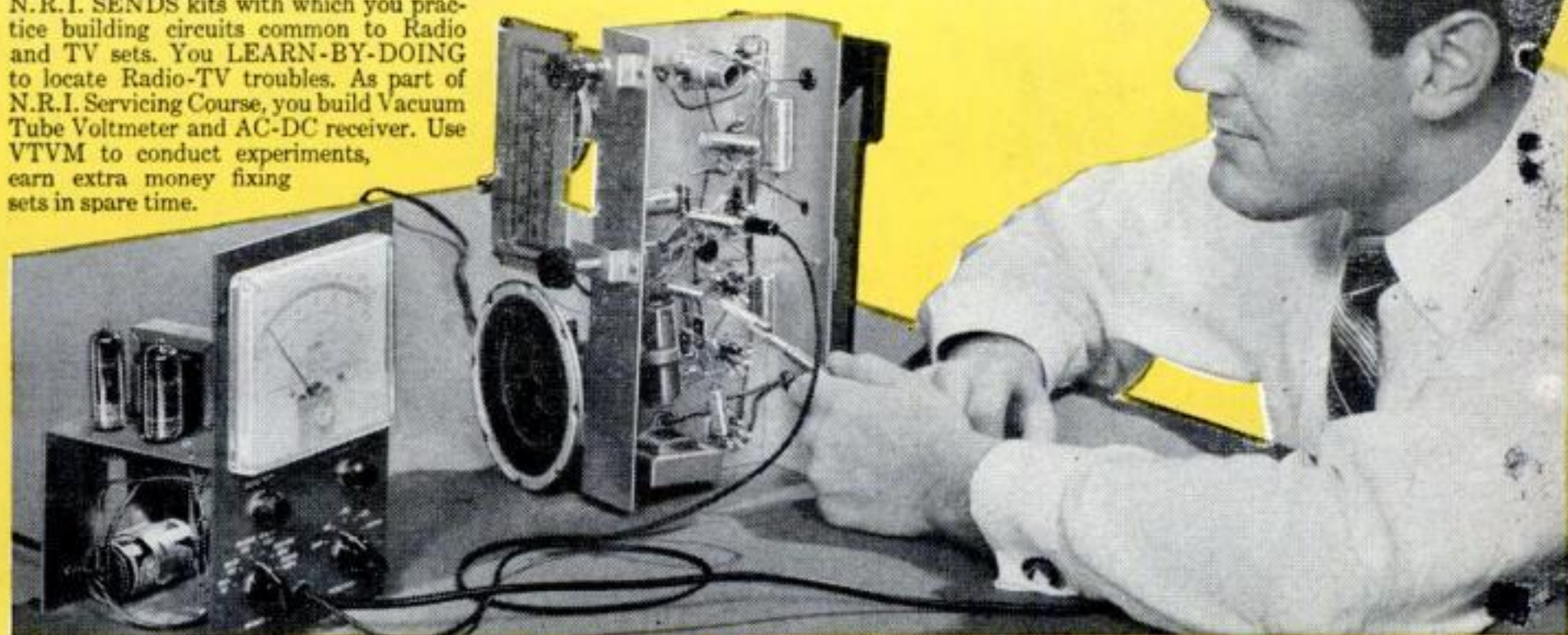
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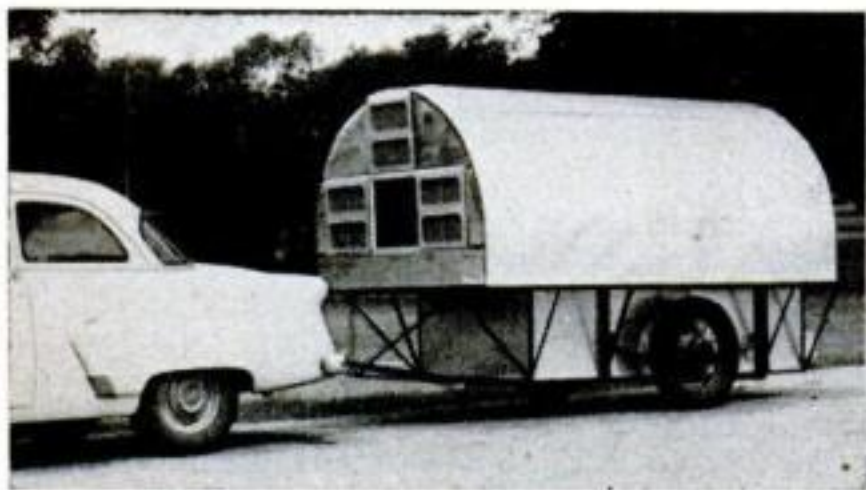


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**Giant Globe Maps Earth.** Almost 15,000 hours of his spare time have gone into this five-foot sphere, constructed by Ludwig Krün, a carpenter of Kempten,

Germany. He believes it is the world's largest wooden globe showing our earth in relief. After carving wood pieces to give exact elevations, he nails them on.



**Hidden Axle Lowers Trailer.** Planning a walk-in camp trailer with only a 10-inch ground clearance, B. T. Smith of Lubbock, Tex., needed working room for its axle and spring. So he ran them right through the aluminum trailer's body and built a box seat over them.

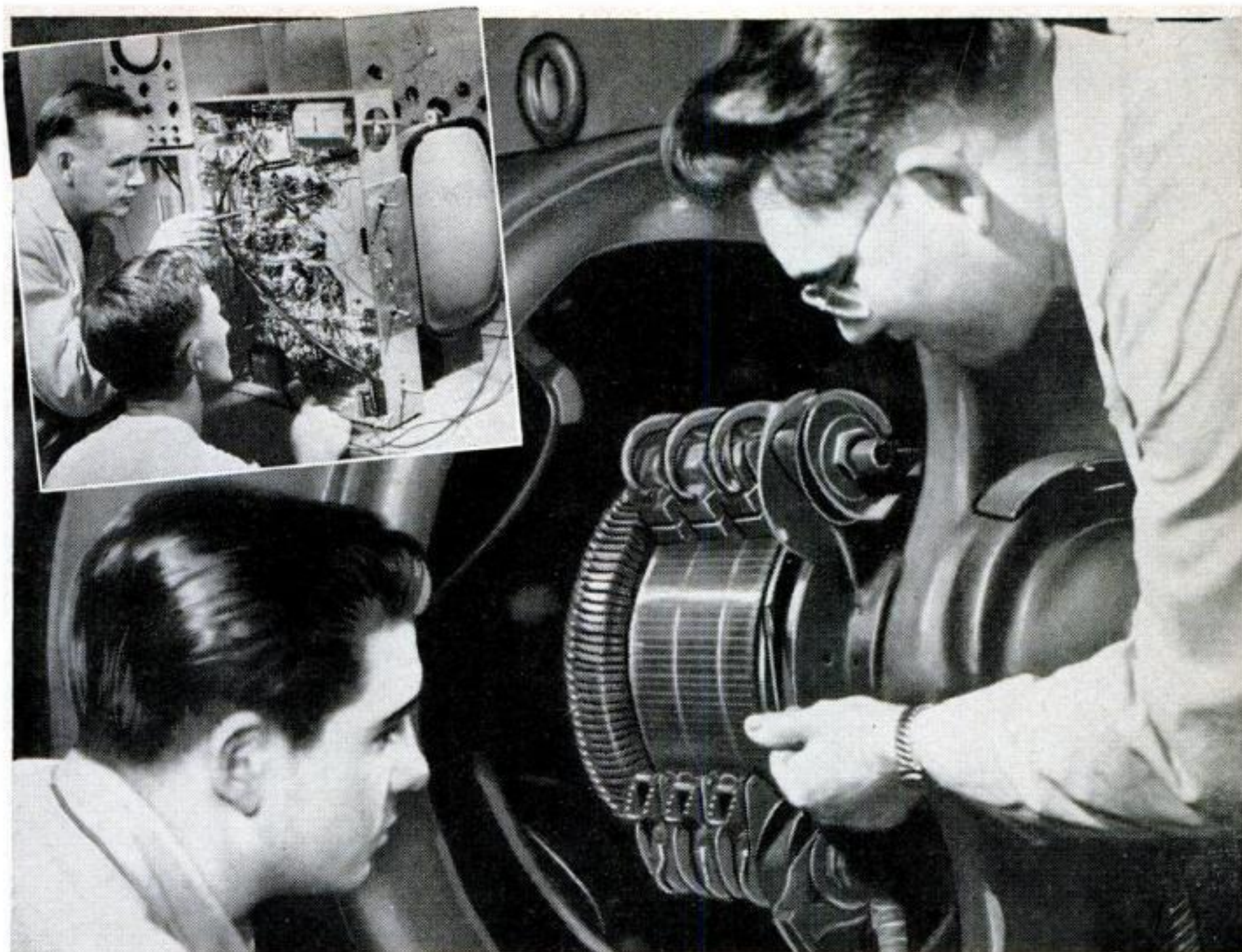


**Boy's Coil Challenges Gravity.** This repulsion coil built by 13-year-old Ronald Limburg of Pittsburgh, Pa., is shown holding an aluminum ring in mid-air against the pull of gravity. It won the junior-division first prize at the 1956 Buhl Planetarium School Science Fair.

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**TO STRIP OFF WASHABLE WALLPAPER**, go over it first with coarse sandpaper. This will break down the nonabsorbent surface so that water can soak through to loosen the paste.



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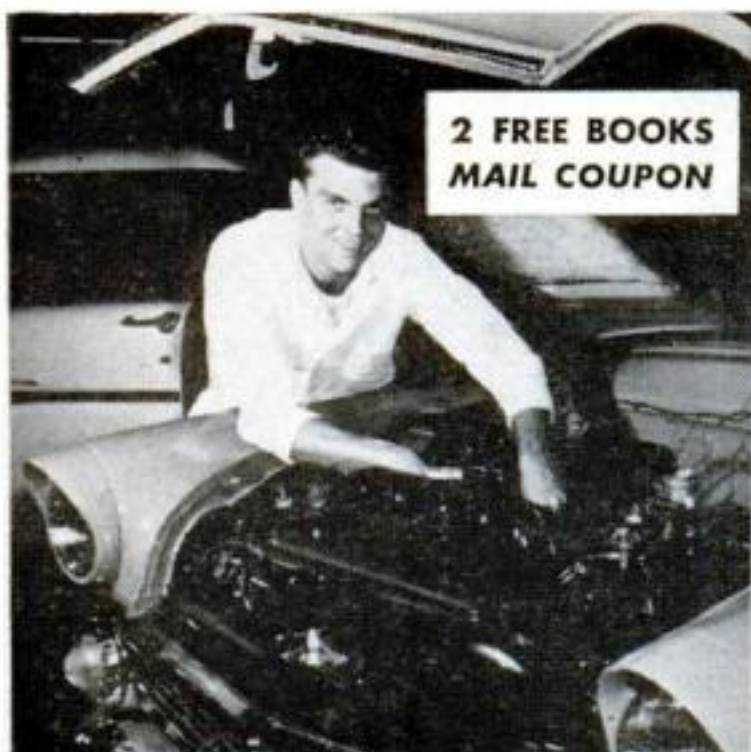
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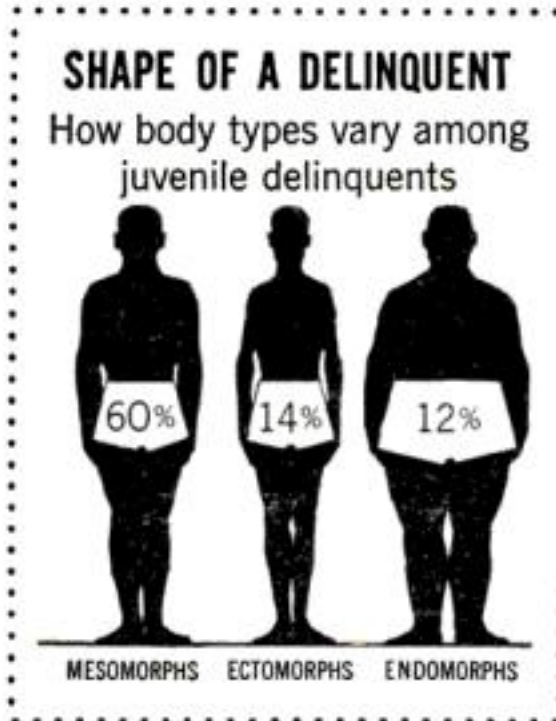
"Have had 3 pay raises in 8 months. Before I took the course, I knew very little about a car engine."  
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# Late News

**The first electrical highway** is now abuilding in, of all places, Greenland. Two parallel wires are being buried in the snow across 100 miles of Arctic ice cap to keep the Army's big Weasel tracked vehicles from wandering off the trail and falling into crevasses. The wires will carry alternating current, which, detected by a receiver aboard the Weasel, will tell the driver where he is between the trail wires. An alarm will go off if he crosses a wire.

**Can you tell a juvenile delinquent** just by looking at him? Maybe, say Professor Sheldon Glueck and his wife, Dr. Eleanor Glueck, of Harvard Law School. But if your image is a furtive, sallow, underweight youth, you're wrong. It's the All-American Boy, the muscular, athletic type who is most likely to run into cop-trouble.



The Gluecks' latest report analyzes a group of 500 delinquent boys by body build. The result: 60 percent were found to be the athletic "mesomorph" type; 14 percent were the more delicate, slimmer "ectomorphs"; 12 percent were the softer, rounder "endomorphs"; the remainder were a mixture of the three types. By comparison, a similar group of 500 non-delinquent boys included 30 percent mesomorphs, 40 percent ectomorphs, and 15 percent each of endomorphs and balanced types. Physique does

not cause mesomorphs to go wrong. But it may make trouble more likely. If they can't find action that is socially acceptable, such as sports, they blow off steam the wrong way.

**Protection against grippe** seems to be at hand. A new vaccine developed by the Public Health Service was tried last winter on 4,000 recruits at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill. Fifty to 70 percent of "respiratory illnesses characterized by fever" were prevented. Only one shot was needed. The new vaccine works against only three types—those most common among young men—of 13 known "adenoviruses." The vaccine doesn't help at all with the common cold, which is another breed of bug.

**Legal tangle in the sky.** Suppose you're flying in a British airliner over France. Where are you? Some countries, including Britain, would claim that you are in Great Britain, other countries, including France, would say no, you are in France. A new attempt to straighten out such mixups was made this fall by international aviation experts, who have been puzzling over the problem since



# Late News

1912. The point is not academic: Babies are born, crimes committed, and wills written in airplanes. A baby born aboard a British plane over France could choose either British or French citizenship. But a baby born aboard a French plane over Great Britain would be a child without a country unless it derived citizenship from its parents. The French would say that the birth took place in Britain. The British would say it occurred in France. Criminal possibilities are even more intriguing—a defense lawyer would try to switch trials to the country with easiest laws.

**What should foreign words mean?** You may be able to guess—and come out right—reports Dr. Roger W. Brown of Harvard. Try it on the list at left, which was selected from a group of Chinese, Czech and Hindi words that Dr. Brown tested on 80 students. The Har-

<b>What's This Mean?</b>	
One word in each of the pairs below means beautiful; the other word means ugly. Can you guess which is which? Answers at bottom.	
<b>CHINESE</b>	<b>Mel Ch'ou</b>
<b>CZECH</b>	<b>Krasa Osklivost</b>
<b>HINDI</b>	<b>Badsurat Khubsurat</b>
<i>Mel, krasa and khubsurat mean beautiful. Ch'ou, osklivost and badsurat are ugly.</i>	

vard men, who knew only English, guessed right about 60 percent of the time when asked to match a pair of opposite-meaning foreign words with the equivalent English. In one case—matching “heavy” and “light” to the Chinese “ch’ing” and “ch’ung”—they scored 93 percent. (Ch’ing means light.) Dr. Brown explains that the students agreed on their translations, right or wrong, because of “a shared notion, a cultural conception, of what certain sounds usually mean

in English.” But he doesn’t understand why they were so often correct. And when he tried the same kind of test on 20 Chinese who spoke no English, he got fewer correct translations.

**Short takes.** The all-aluminum auto engine—lighter, cheaper, sturdier—came closer to practicality with the development of a new method for spray-coating aluminum cylinder walls with steel. Aluminum pistons, now in use, don’t work well bearing directly against aluminum cylinder walls, but will work against steel surfaces. The problem has been getting thin steel to stick to aluminum . . . You’ll be able to hunt this fall with comfortably dry feet if you get a pair of the new boots made with silicone-treated leather. The silicone blocks water but not air. Dow Corning developed the Sylflex process . . . A new Admiral Corp. radar speed meter can be set to watch only cars exceeding the speed limit, to work a camera or tape recorder, and even to make a traffic light down the road turn red and halt the speeding car . . . You can look forward to an evening of delightful nostalgia with “Trolley Car Treasury” (McGraw-Hill N. Y., \$5.95), the new book by Popular Science’s Frank Rowsome Jr. It has wonderful old photos—horse cars, cable cars, trolley Pullmans, trolley hearses and trolley wrecks—and a text deliciously spiced with Rowsome wit.





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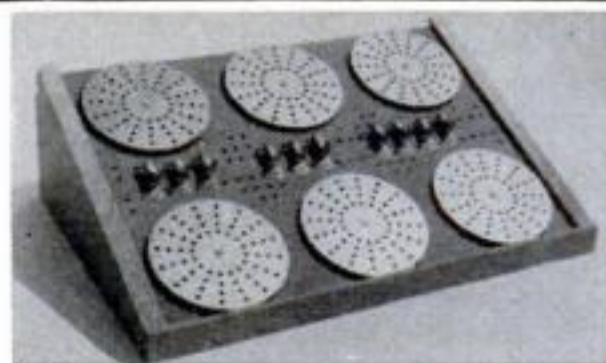
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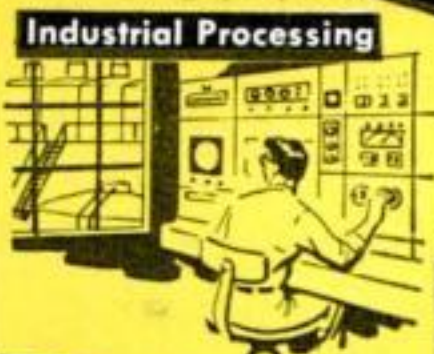
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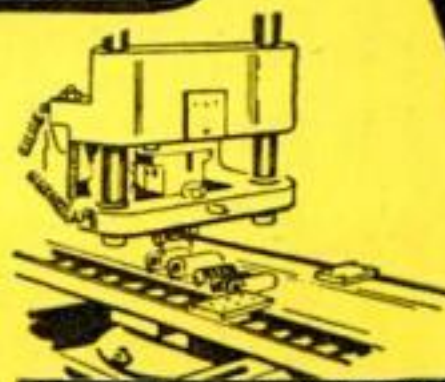
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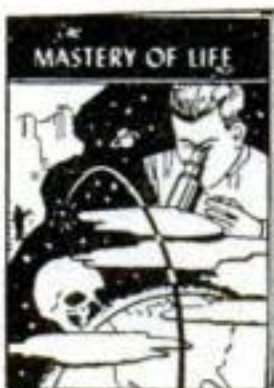
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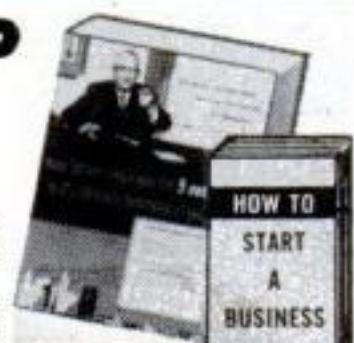
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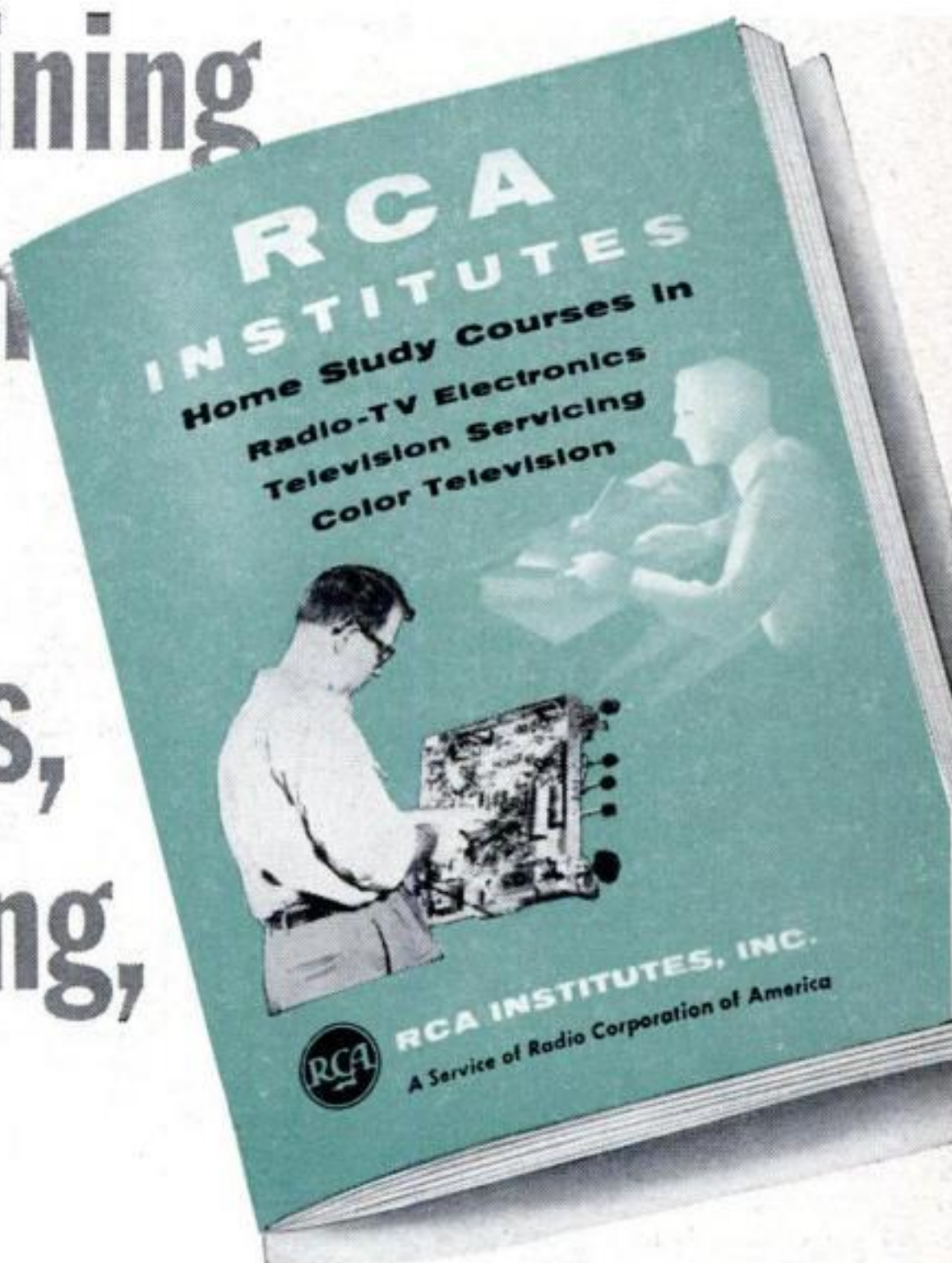
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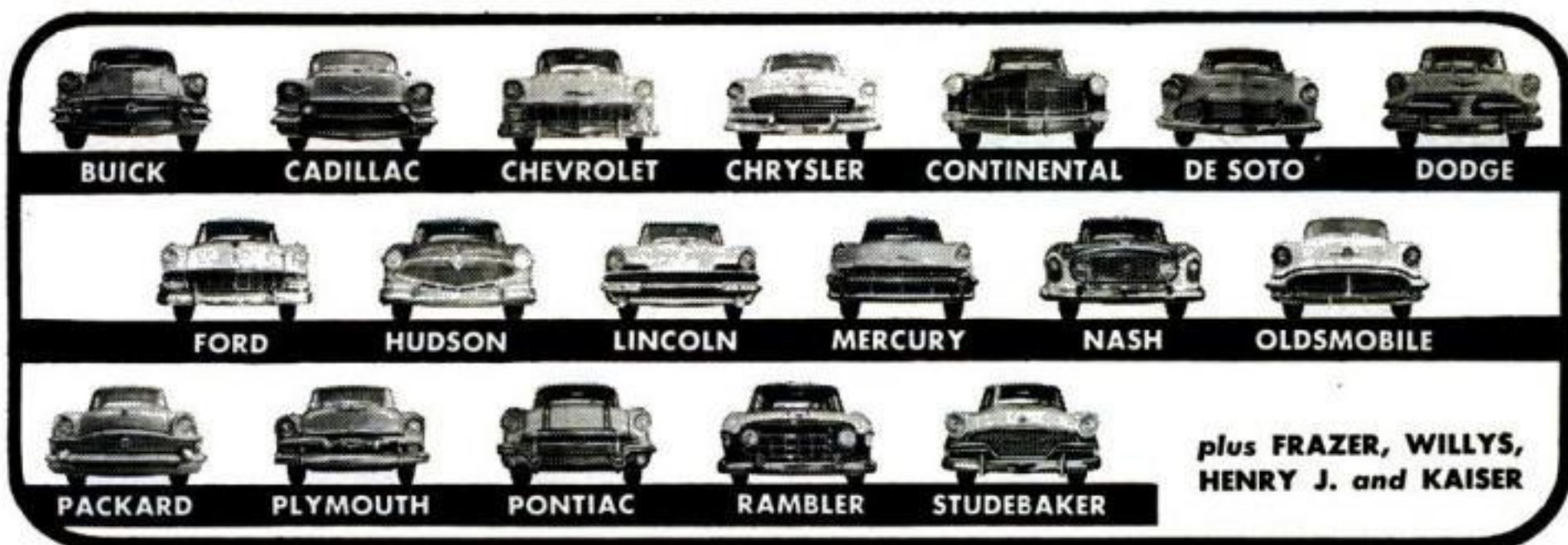
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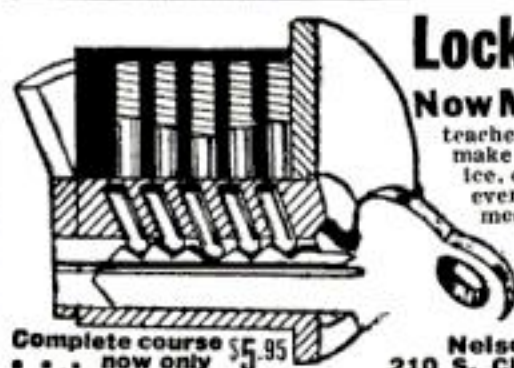
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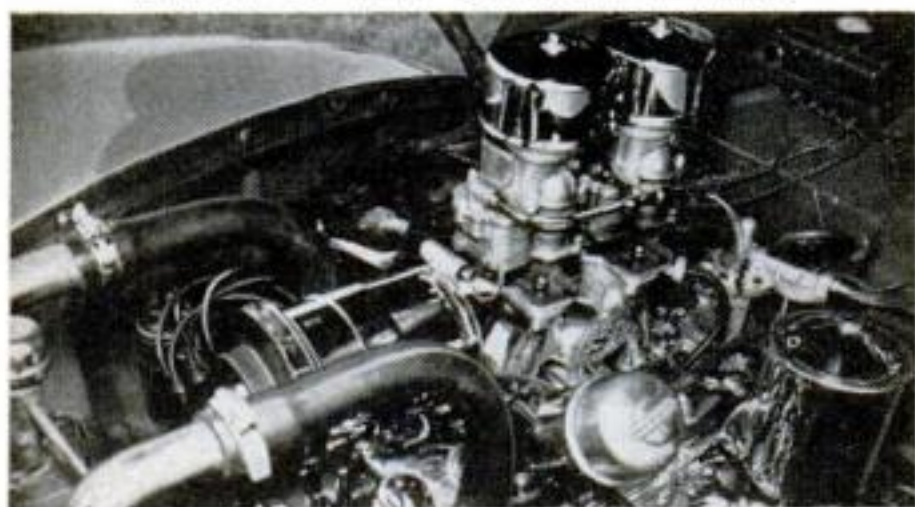
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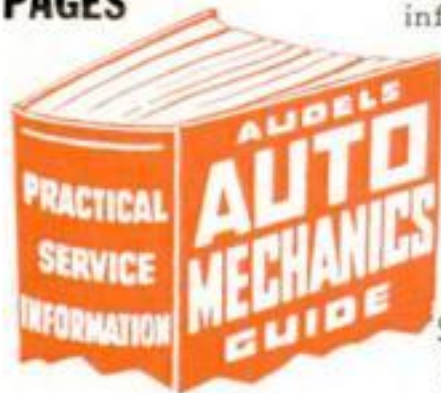
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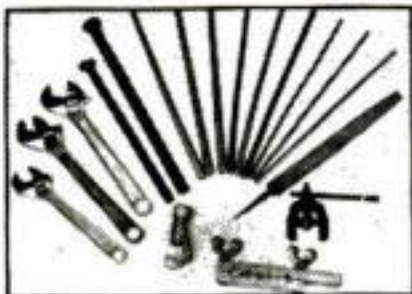


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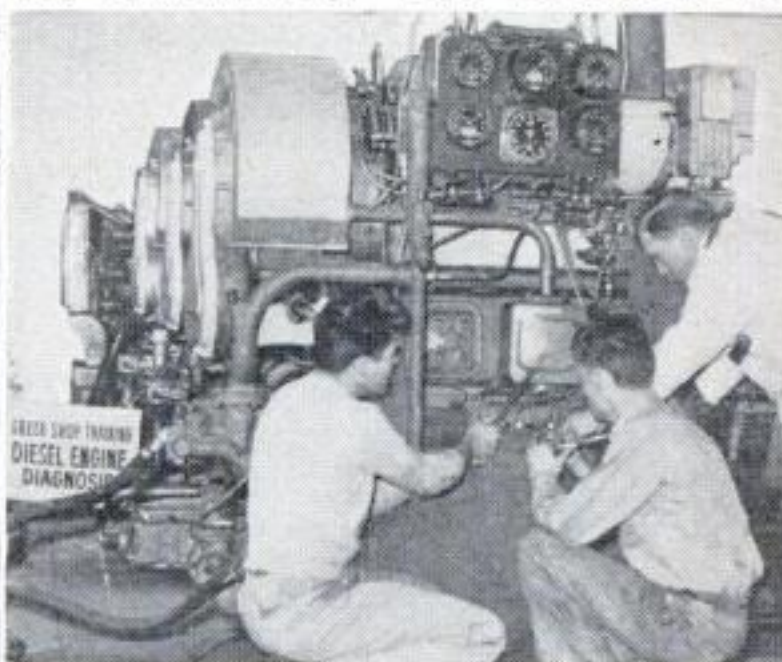
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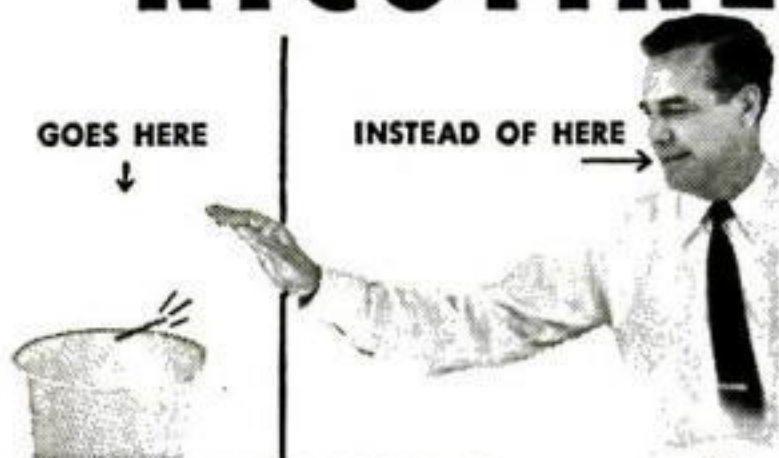
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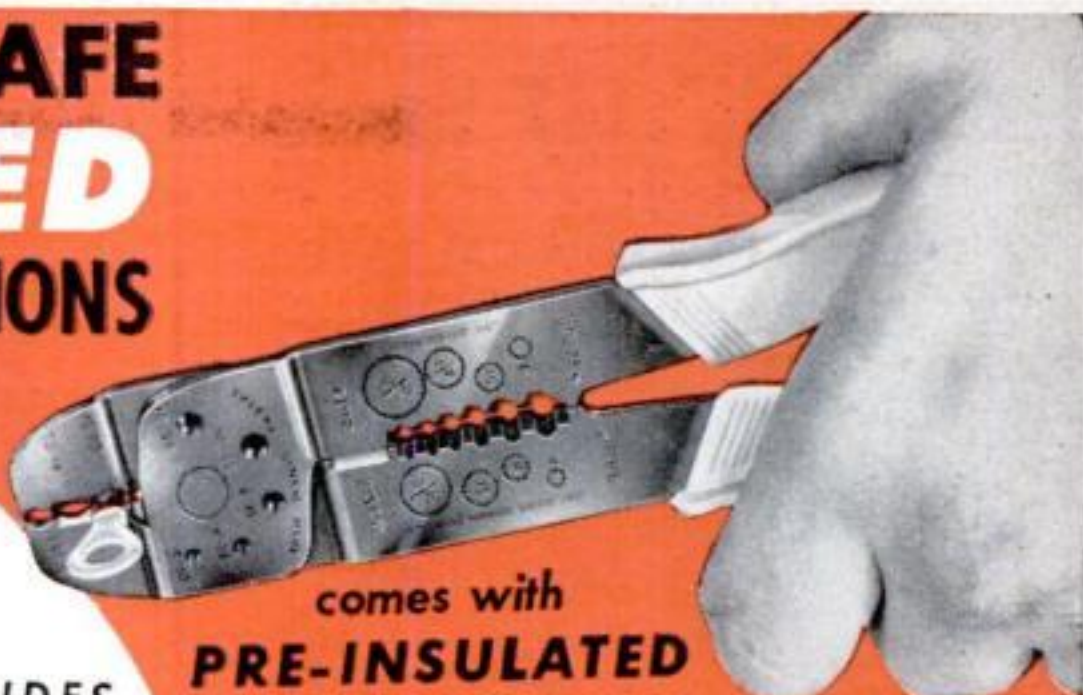
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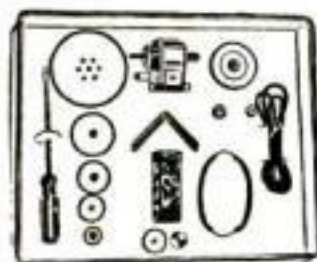


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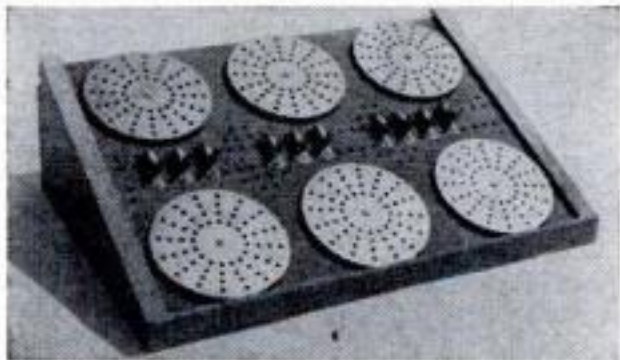
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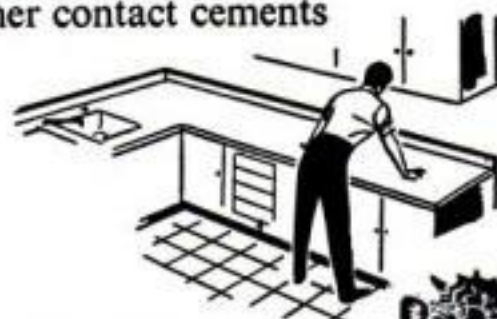
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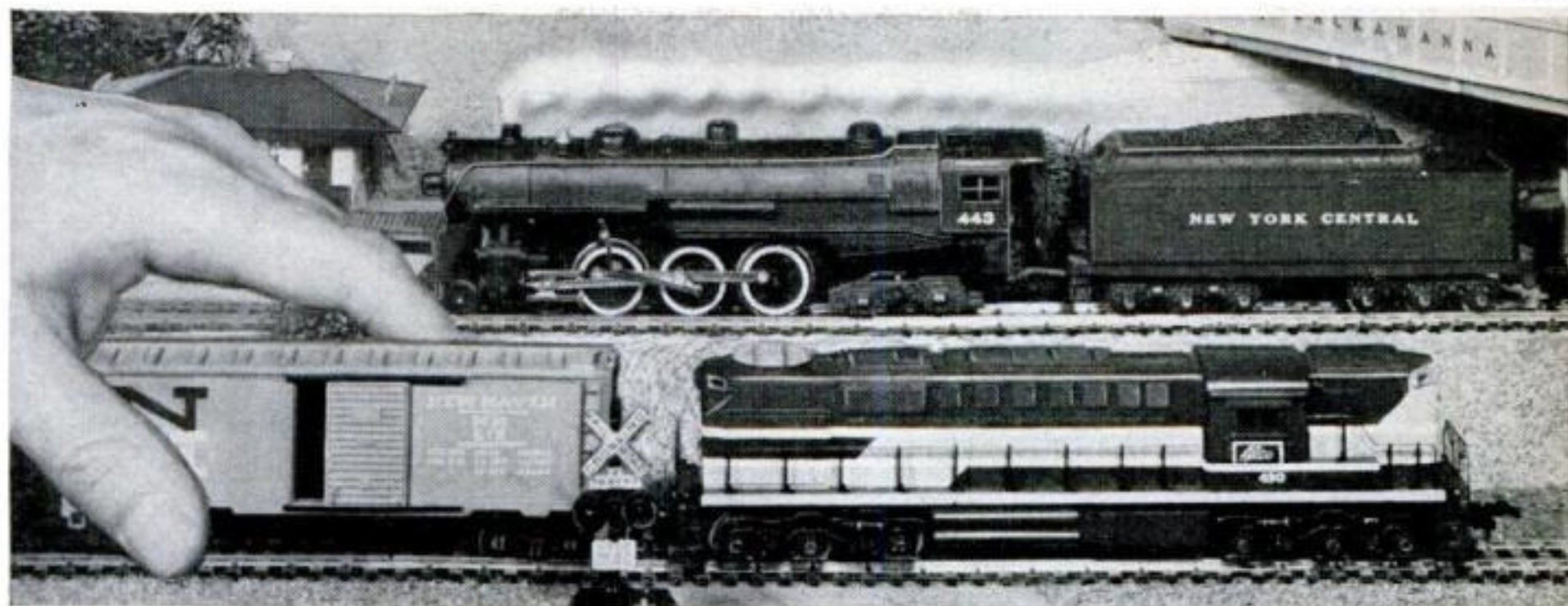
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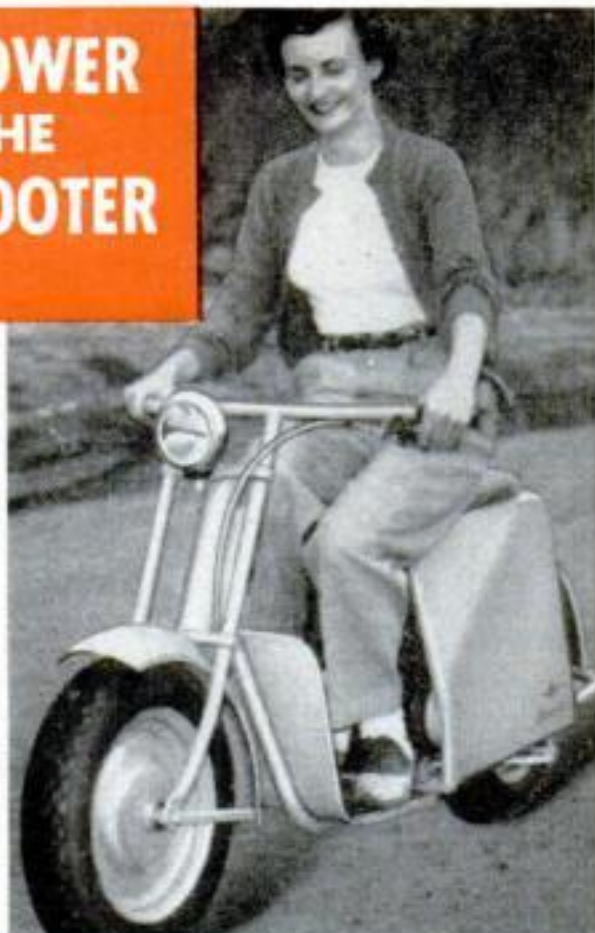
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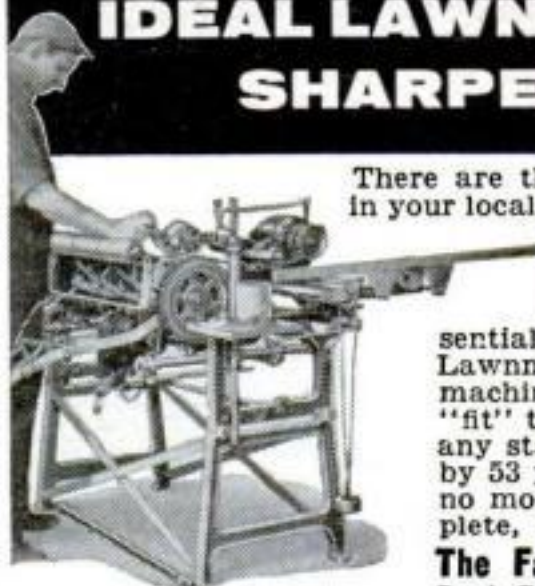
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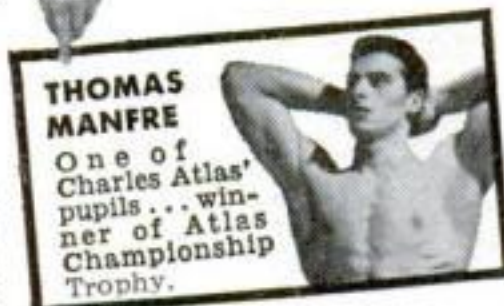


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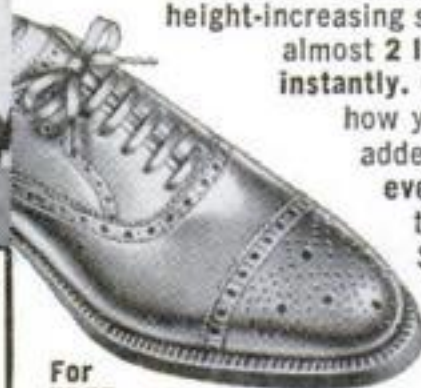
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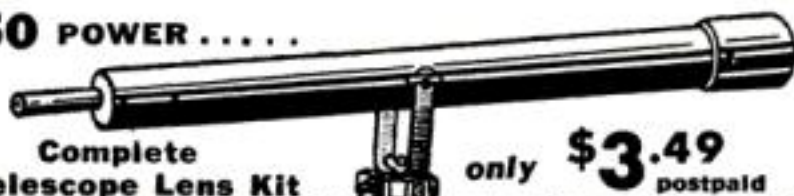
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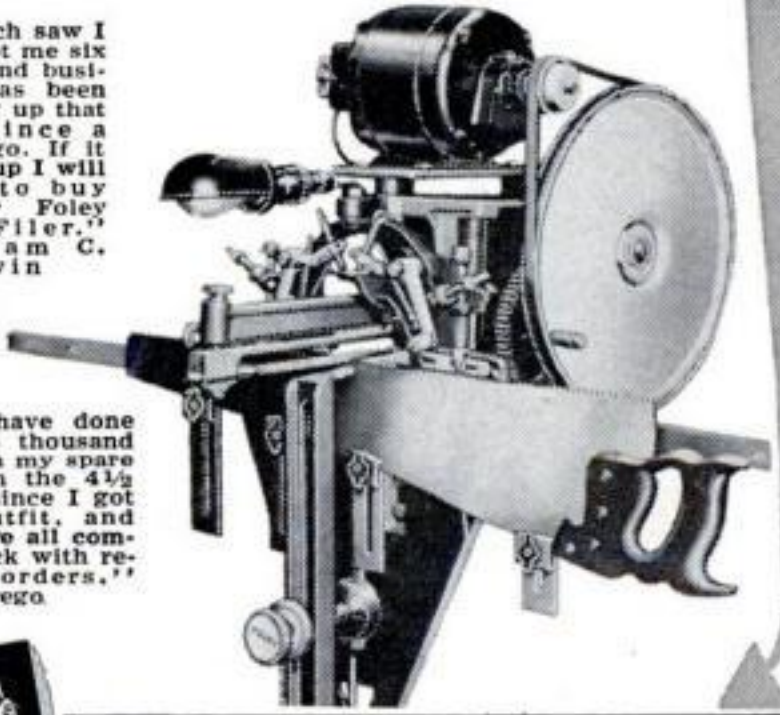
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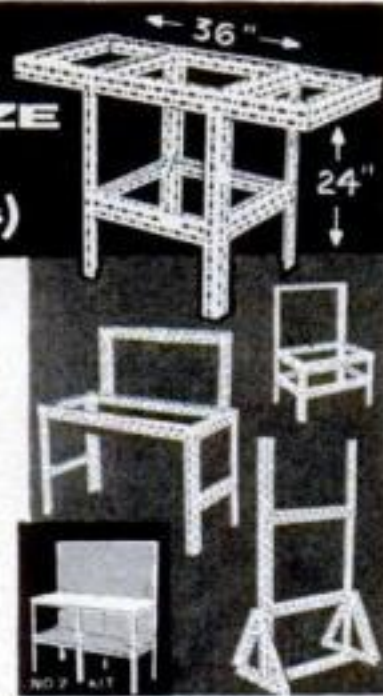
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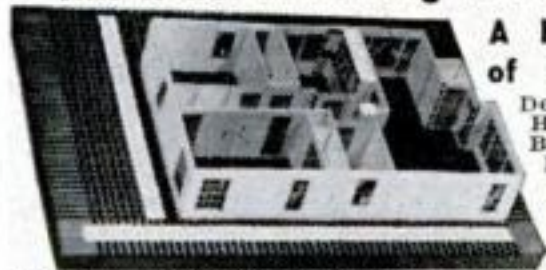
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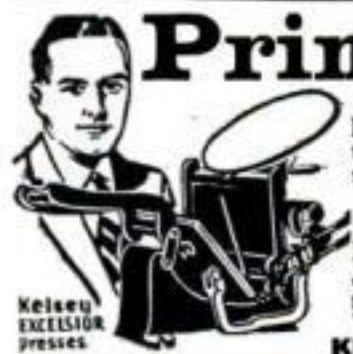


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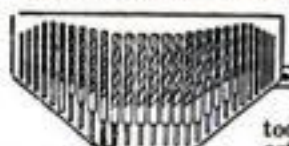
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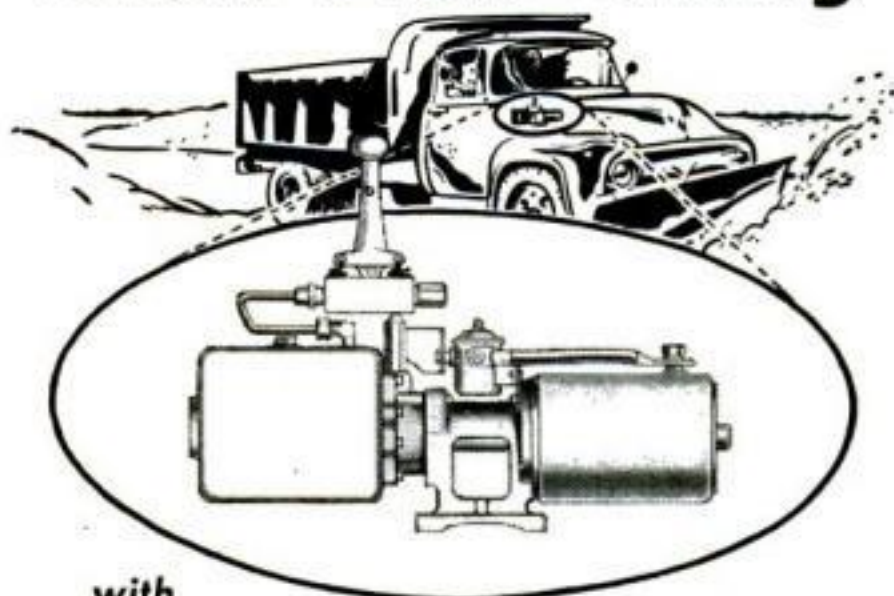
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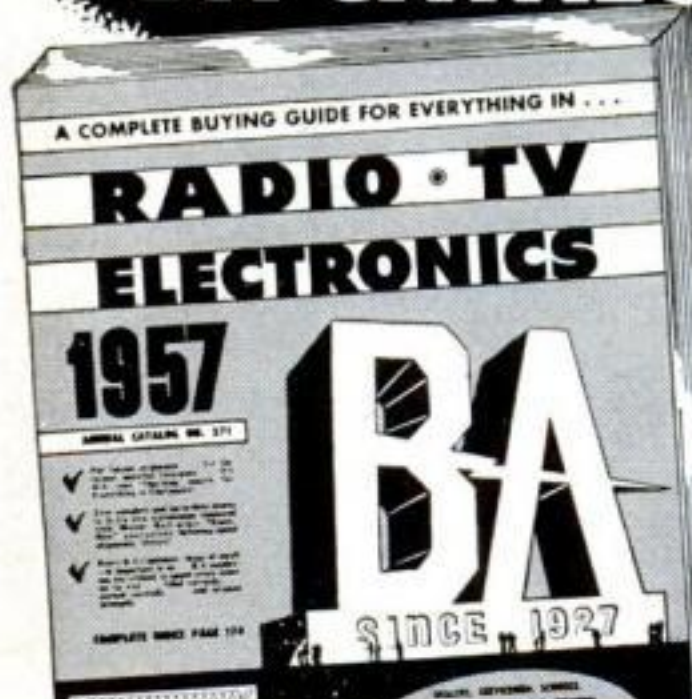
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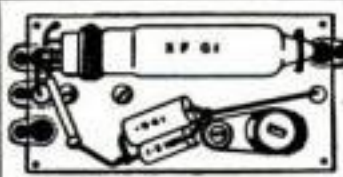
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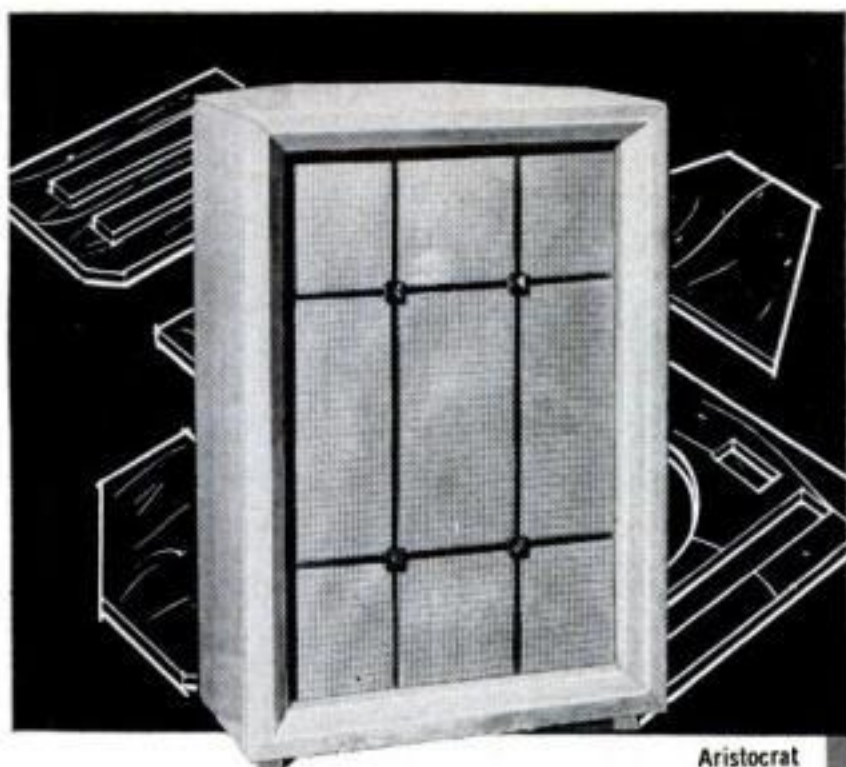
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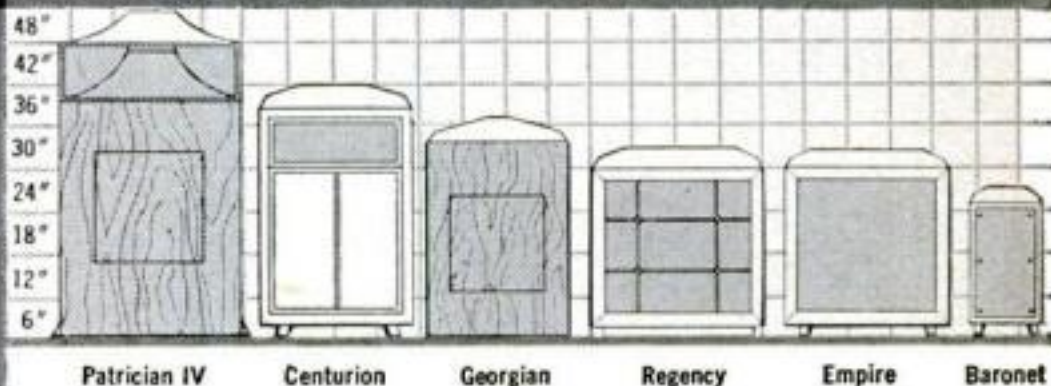
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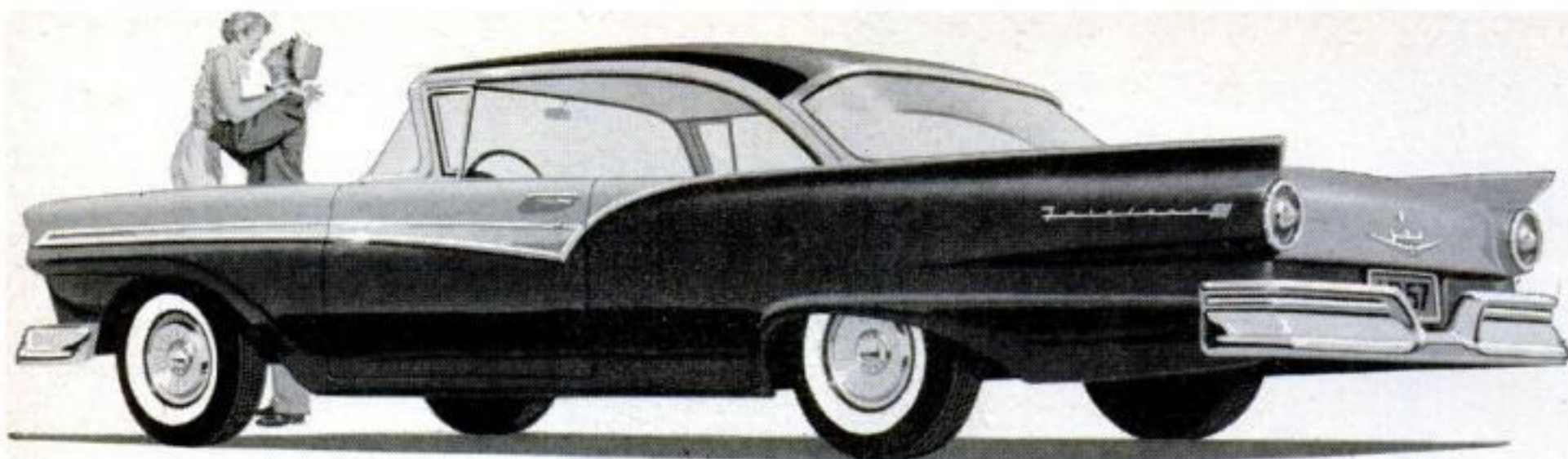
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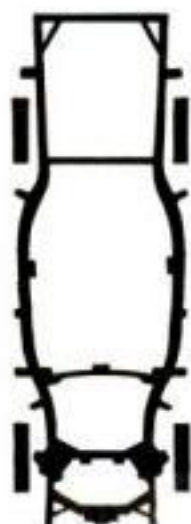


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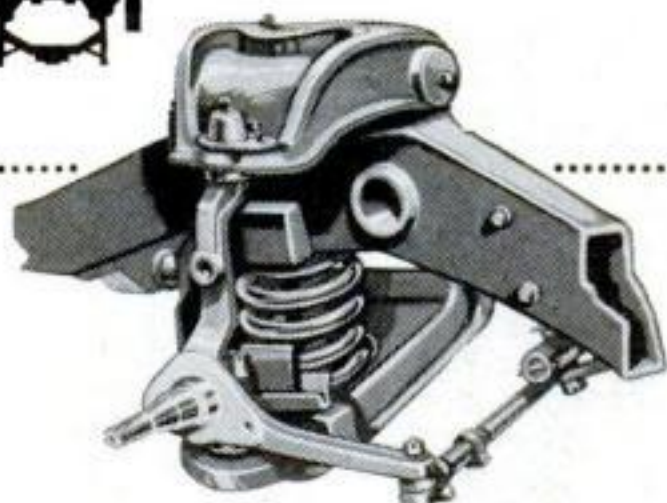
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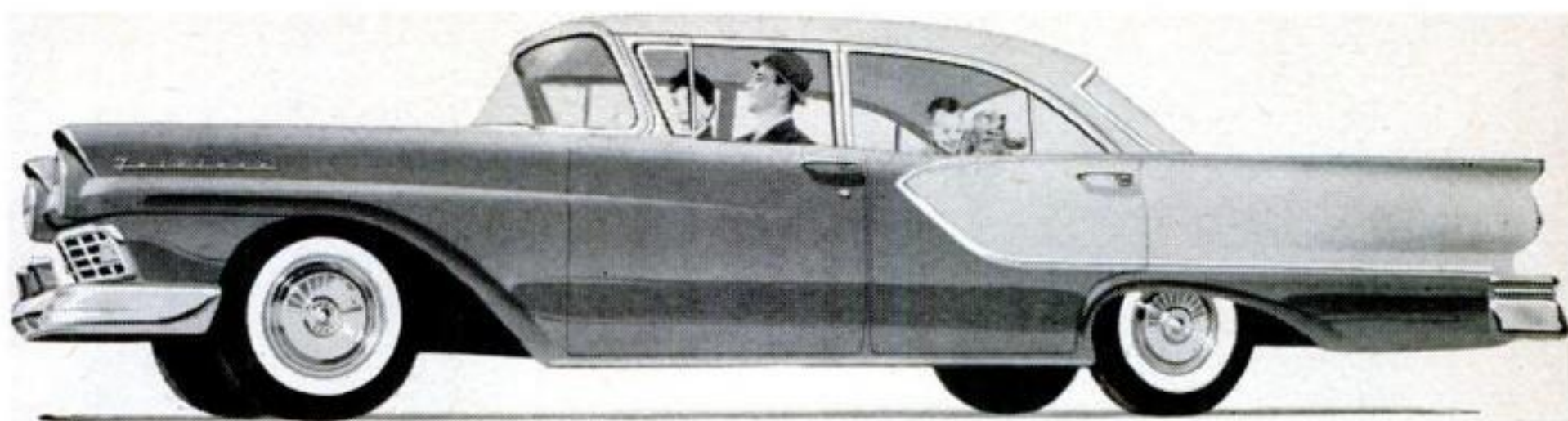
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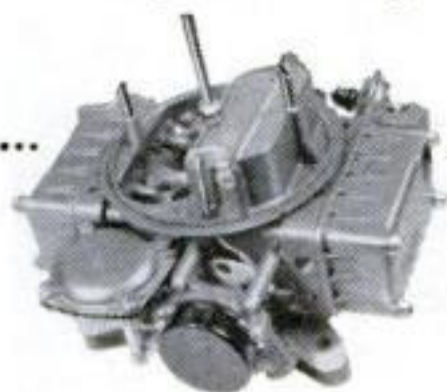
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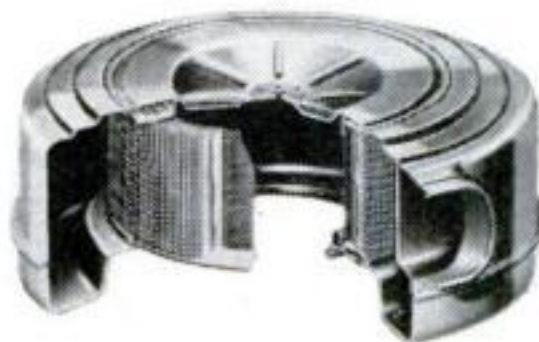
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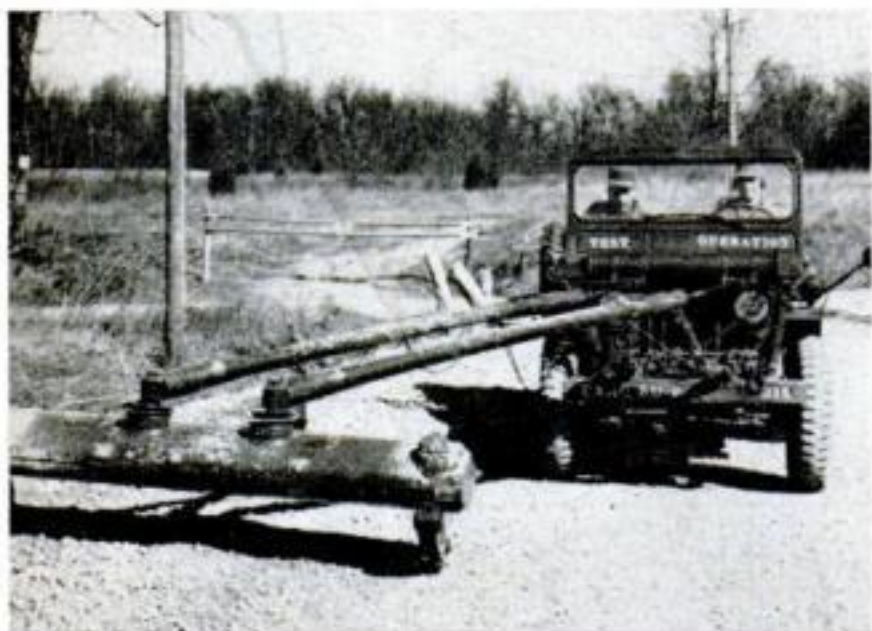
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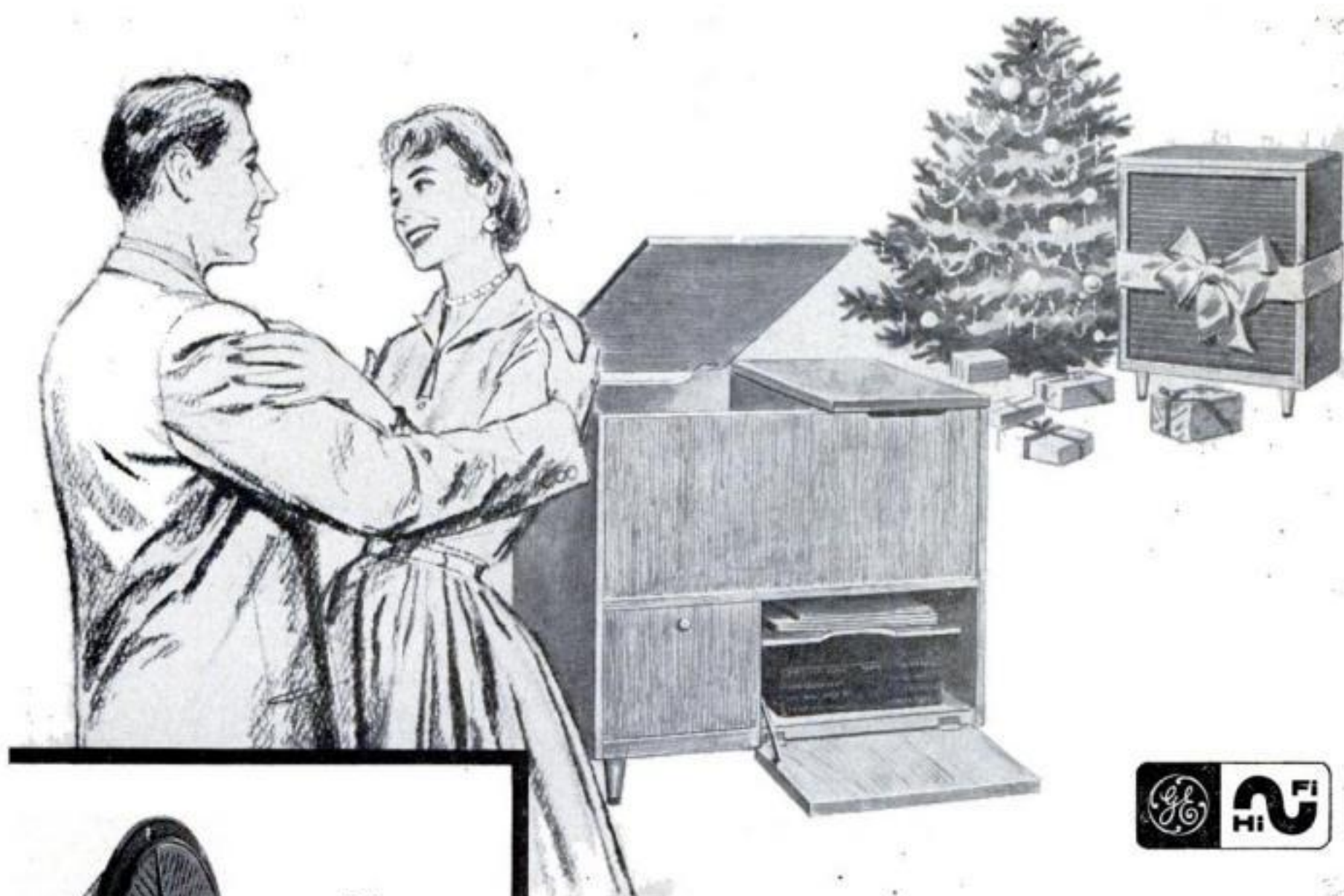
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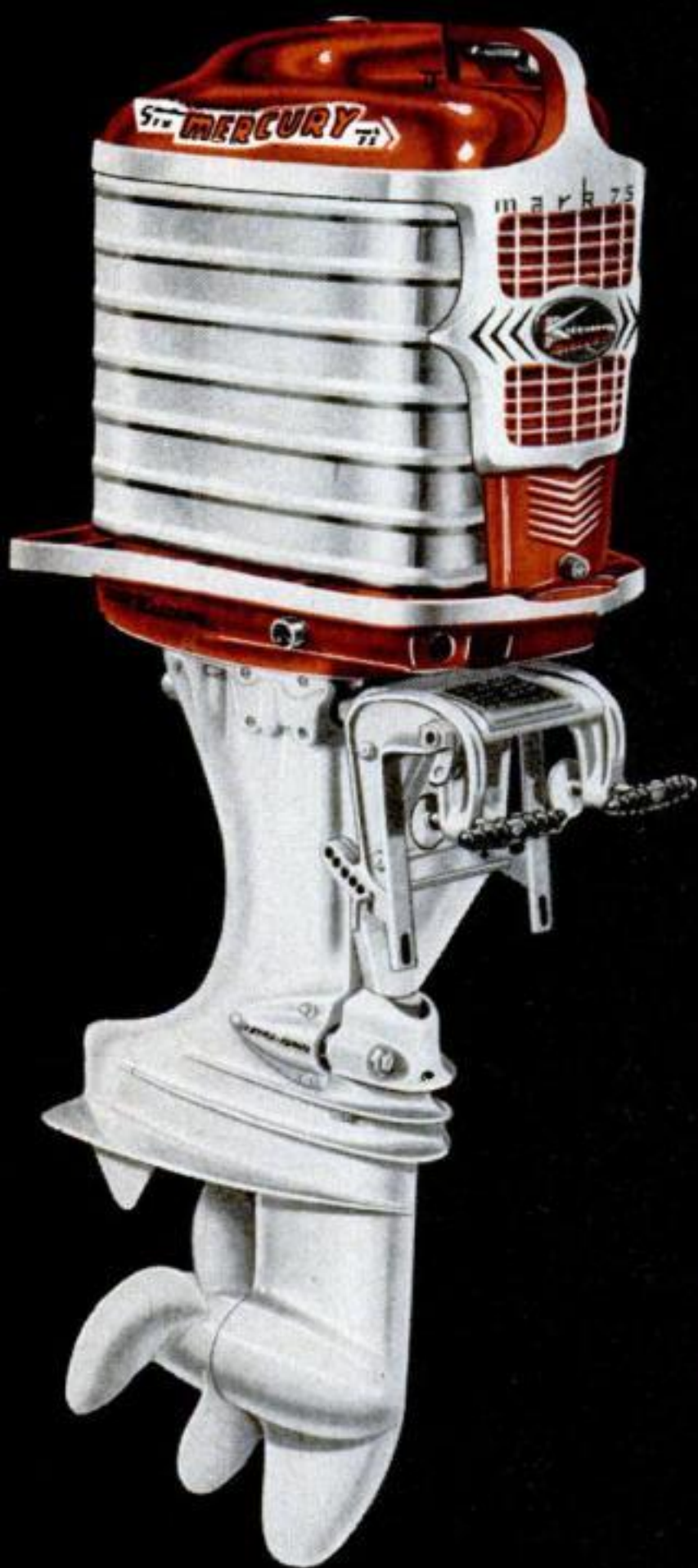
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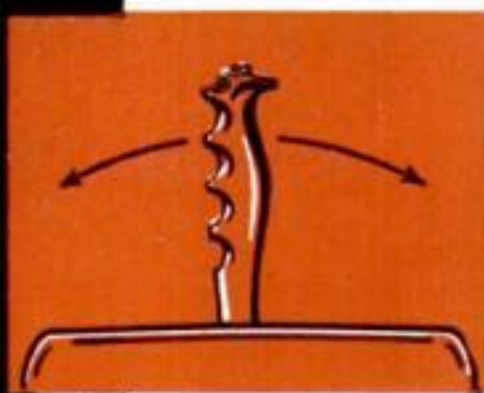
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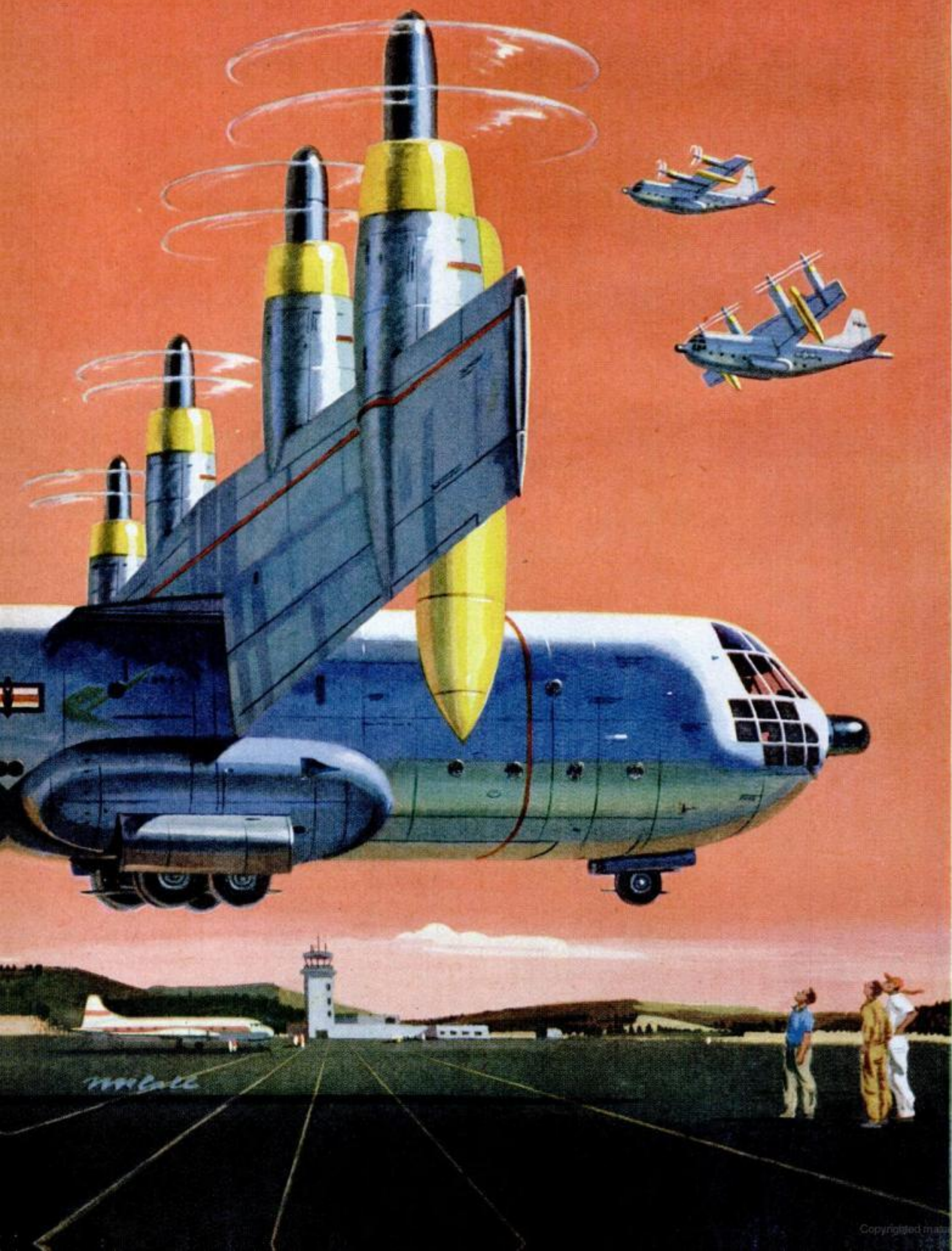
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# 12 NEW MODELS >>> 6 to 60 HORSEPOWER



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# 350-M.P.H.

# Tilt-Wing Transport to Rise Like a Copter



*With props pointing skyward, it would be a whirlybird for takeoff and landing, then become an airplane for forward flight.*



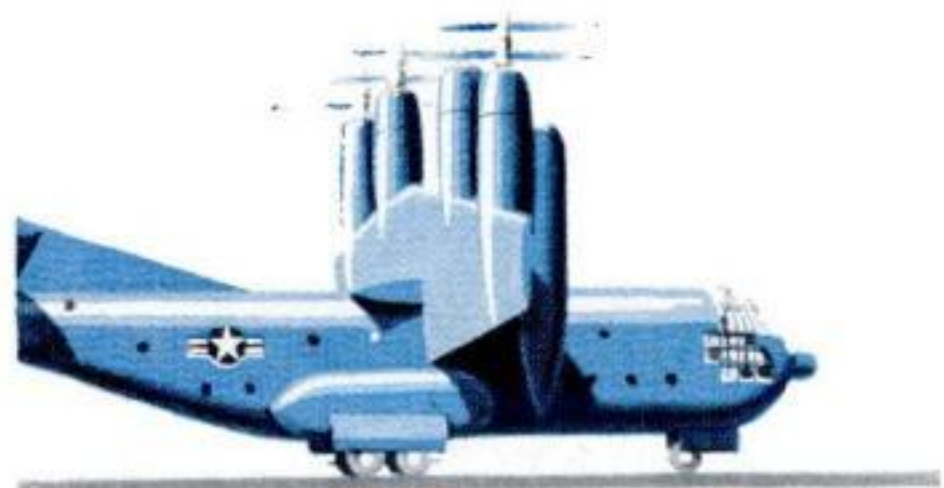
**By Wesley S. Griswold**

THE aircraft company that cooked up the "flying piepan" now has designed for the U. S. Army a big air transport that will go straight up like a copter, then streak away like a DC-7.

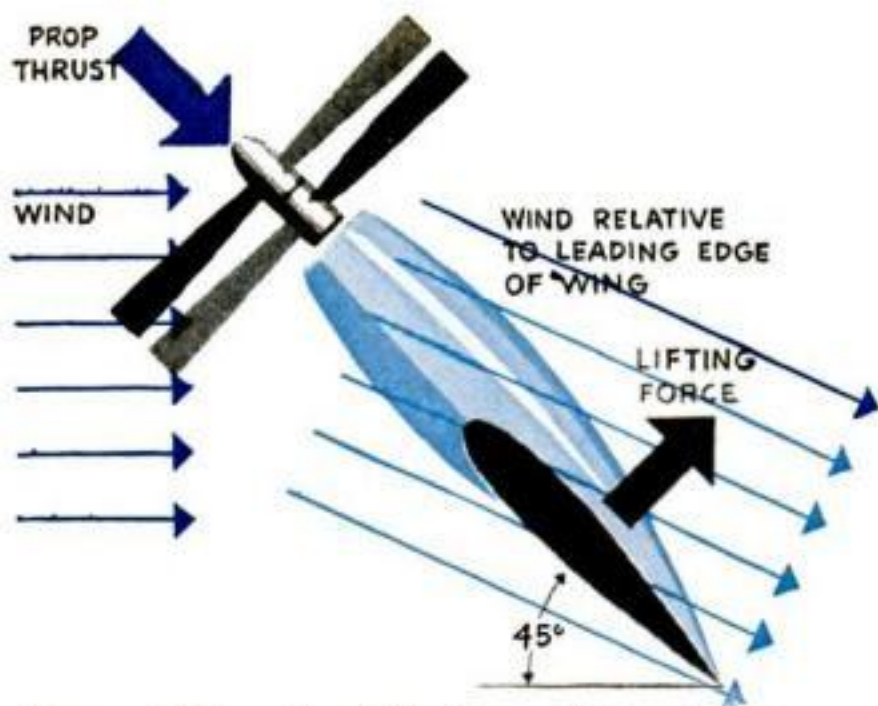
It's not a helicopter. It's not an airplane, as such. Yet it's both. The tilt-wing Propelloplane, as this extraordinary craft is called, was designed by Hiller Helicopters of Palo Alto, Calif. It would carry 40 to 50 fully equipped troops, or several small vehicles, or a big load of military supplies many hundreds of miles at nearly three times the speed of the fastest helicopter. Yet it would be able to pick up and set down its cargo on any small, flat patch of ground. It would cruise at 350 m.p.h., but land at zero m.p.h.

This versatility would be accomplished by an otherwise conventional wing that would tilt 90 degrees for vertical, straight-up-or-down, takeoffs and landings. Tilting with the wing would be four large, six-blade, contrarotating propellers and their high-powered turboprop engines.

Drawings, based on an exhaustive study made under contract for the Army, indi-







### How tilt-wing helps lift plane

**UP-ENDED WING**, even when it is tilted a full 90 degrees, contributes to lift by deflecting slipstream from the propellers, as shown in the sketch above, drawn by a Hiller engineer.

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cate that it would have the fat belly and high tail of most military transports with rear, ramp-loading facilities, and a bulbous nose for radar equipment.

In each of the four nacelles there would be at least two and possibly three gas-turbine engines, parallel or in a cluster. They would develop a total of around 20,000 horsepower.

**Multiple-section engines**—their technical name—make it possible to dispense with tricky interconnecting shafting, which otherwise would be essential to provide safety and sure control when the convertiplane was hovering.

In practice, on takeoff, the two or three engines in each nacelle would be operating at around two-thirds power. If one of them failed, the other, or others, would then be operated at full power to make up for the dead partner.

The Propelloplane's wing would be conventional, or even slightly smaller than normal, in span and shape. In forward flight, the only feature of it that would compel your attention would be two huge fuel tanks, slung from underneath the wing, one on each side of the fuselage. These tanks would carry the plane's entire fuel supply.

At takeoff or landing, however, the wing's appearance would be both unique and startling, for it would be standing

on edge, with engines, propellers and fuel tanks pointing straight up. This would be done by rotating the wing on pivots fastened to the lower flange of the wing's rear beam. Ball-bearing screw jacks, operated by a hydraulic motor, or a pair of hydraulic cylinders, would move the wing. In order to make room for the middle part of the wing to be laid back against the fuselage, a panel in the skin of the roof directly behind the wing would first be lifted out of the way hydraulically. Once the wing was rotated back to its normal position, this panel would be closed, so as not to spoil the streamlining of the fuselage.

**One unusual feature** would be visible all the time but useful only when the craft was hovering, moving slowly, or landing or taking off vertically. That is an exceptionally long tail cone with a projectile-shaped tip, slotted with deflector vanes. Those vanes are intended to direct downward, upward or horizontally the exhaust from two or more turbine engines. These exhaust gases, deflected downward or upward, would control pitch; deflected horizontally they would control yaw.

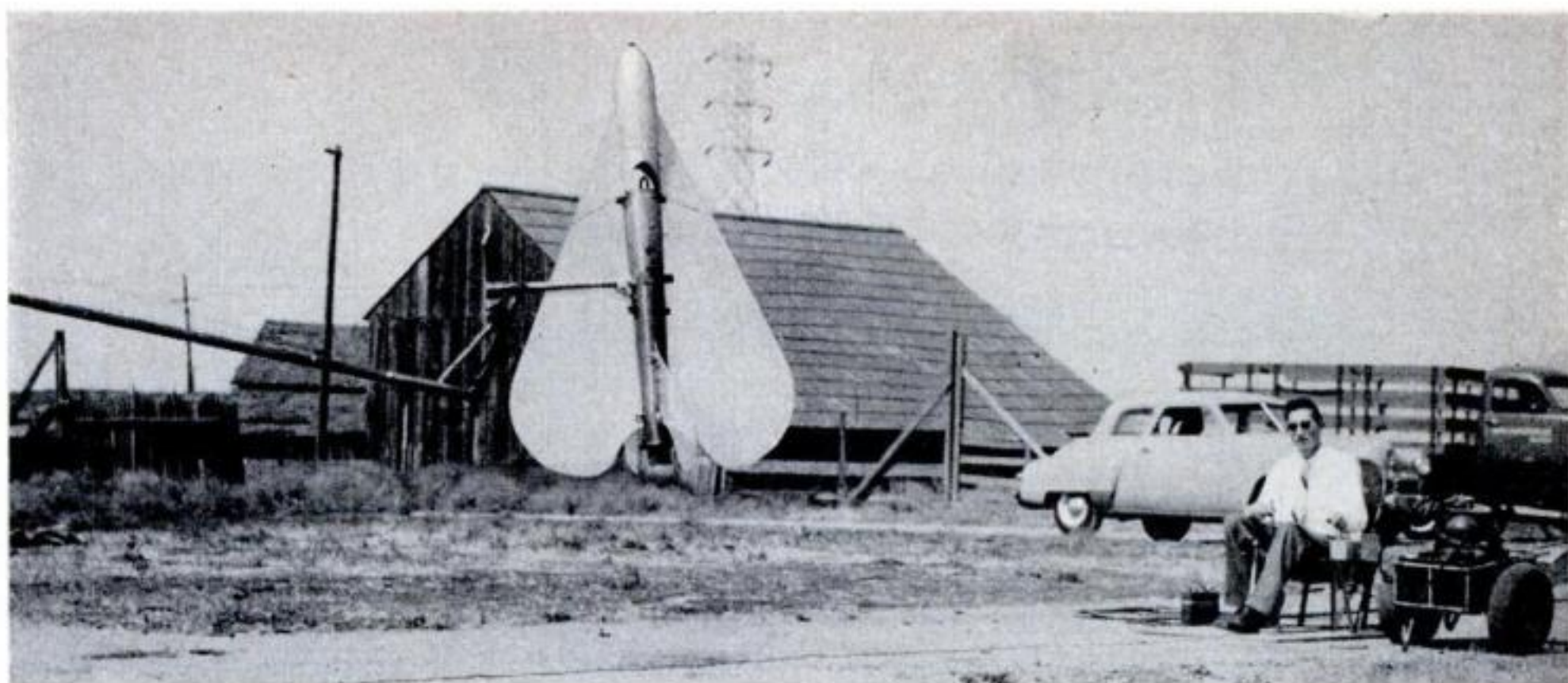
Imagine how useful the tilt-wing Propelloplane would have been in a typical crisis of the Korean War. Assume that 40 infantrymen have been isolated 400

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**SMALL VERSION** of the Propelloplane, having only two engines and props in its tiltable wing, also is under consideration. Pitch and yaw would be controlled by small tail rotors, as seen in the drawing. This would be an alternate to using deflected exhaust gases.







**NINE YEARS AGO** Hiller began his vertical-riser experiments with this captive, jet-powered,

delta-wing research model that he is shown flight-testing by means of a whirling arm.

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miles from their own troops. That's more than three times as far as rescue helicopters can fly.

A Propelloplane is ordered to the rescue. It takes off, rising straight up. Then, with fuselage still level, the wing is tilted forward into conventional position. It speeds toward the encircled troops, flying high and fast enough to offer a poor target for enemy antiaircraft fire. As it approaches the stranded soldiers, it descends to a low altitude. Its wing starts to tilt upward. Speed drops sharply. When the wing is 45 degrees from the horizontal, speed is only 75 miles an hour. As the slant of the wing steepens, the craft's speed slackens until it is standing still, hovering for an instant. Then it comes down out of the sky like an elevator. Its rear doors open and the troops scramble in. Within a few minutes, the plane rises straight up above the trees and starts homeward with increasing speed as its wing is lowered from the vertical position.

**In addition** to this obvious usefulness, the Propelloplane, its designers say, could keep troops in isolated combat areas supplied at less cost than with helicopters of comparable capacity. It could operate efficiently from areas where there was not enough space or time to build the long runways necessary for con-

ventional transport takeoff and landing.

"Vertical-takeoff aircraft won't replace or squeeze out helicopters," predicts shrewd, handsome young Stanley Hiller Jr., who has been experimenting with VTO aircraft designs for nine years and building helicopters for longer than that. "They complement each other.

"For hovering missions," he continues, "nothing can beat the helicopter. But now, for the most part, it is being improperly used, devoted about 98 percent of the time to missions requiring it to fly horizontally. For such jobs, it is not economical."

**The tilt-wing Propelloplane**, on the other hand, he points out, would hover only for takeoff and landing, utilizing power plant, transmission and propellers designed for general use, with far fewer problems of maintenance and parts replacement than helicopters involve. Most of the time it would be flying forward, a job to which it is as well suited as most conventional transport planes.

The small penalty that the Propelloplane would have to pay in weight for power enough to lift and lower it vertically is not entirely a liability. Whenever it was practical for it to take off as a conventional airplane, that extra power would enable it to carry double its normal payload.

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# 12 New Cars

Popular Science's color gallery gives you the highlights on the 1957 models

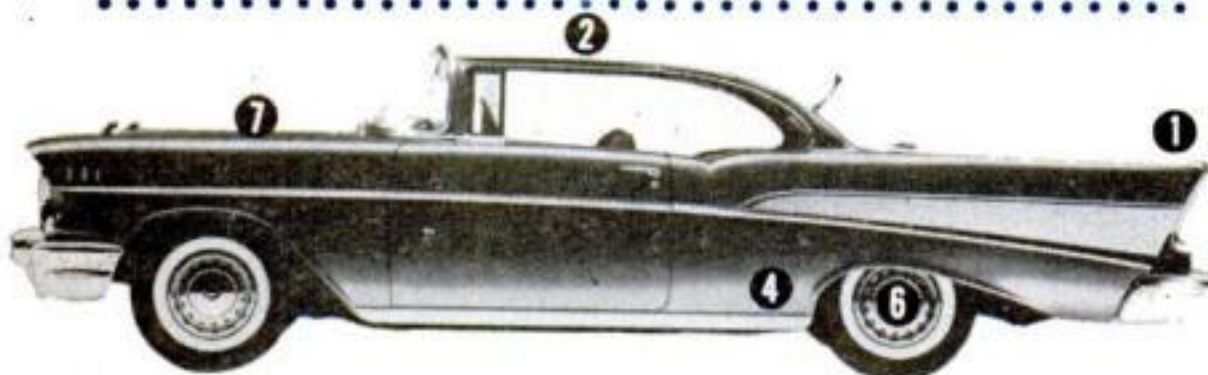


Ever see a junior-size Cadillac? That's the '57 Chevy convertible. Above it is the hardtop.

## Chevrolet: Fuel Injection

If Louis Chevrolet could only see his brainchild now! That born-to-the-purple look isn't just skin-deep, either. Underneath it there's an optional fuel-injection engine with horsepowers up to 283, and a softer ride. For more, see p. 113.

### 3-MINUTE WALK-AROUND



1. Five inches longer
2. Slightly lower
3. A mite narrower
4. New body panels
5. Bigger windshield
6. 14-inch wheels
7. Lower hood
8. Air vents in headlight shrouds



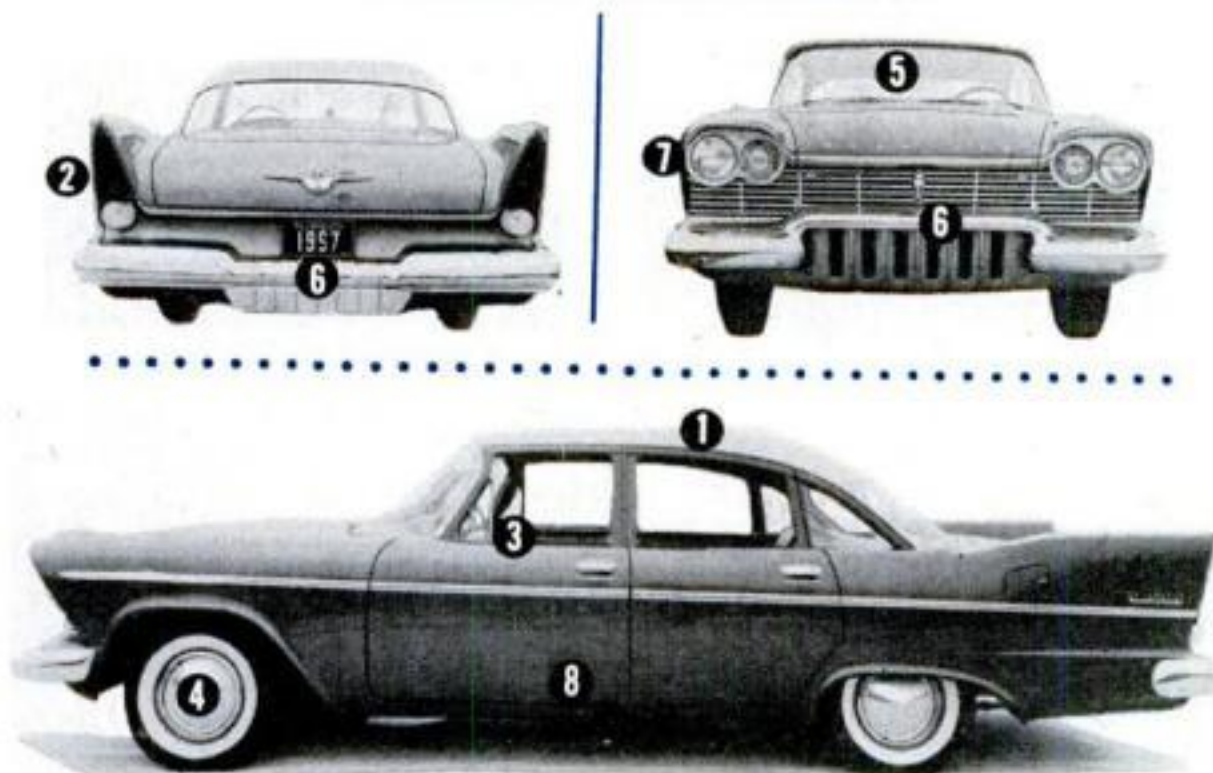


Those soaring tail fins plus broader, lower body give the 1957 Plymouth a patrician look.

## Plymouth: Brand-New Body

BESIDES its elegant restyling, this car is outfitted for 1957 with a bigger engine and new camshaft, bigger brakes, new heating-ventilating system, and torsion-bar springing in front. For more details on the new Plymouth, turn to p. 113.

### 3-MINUTE WALK-AROUND



1. As low as 54.8 inches
2. Three and a half inches wider
3. Dished steering-wheel hub
4. 14-inch wheels
5. Bigger windshield
6. No-guard bumpers
7. Side-by-side lights
8. Step-down floor



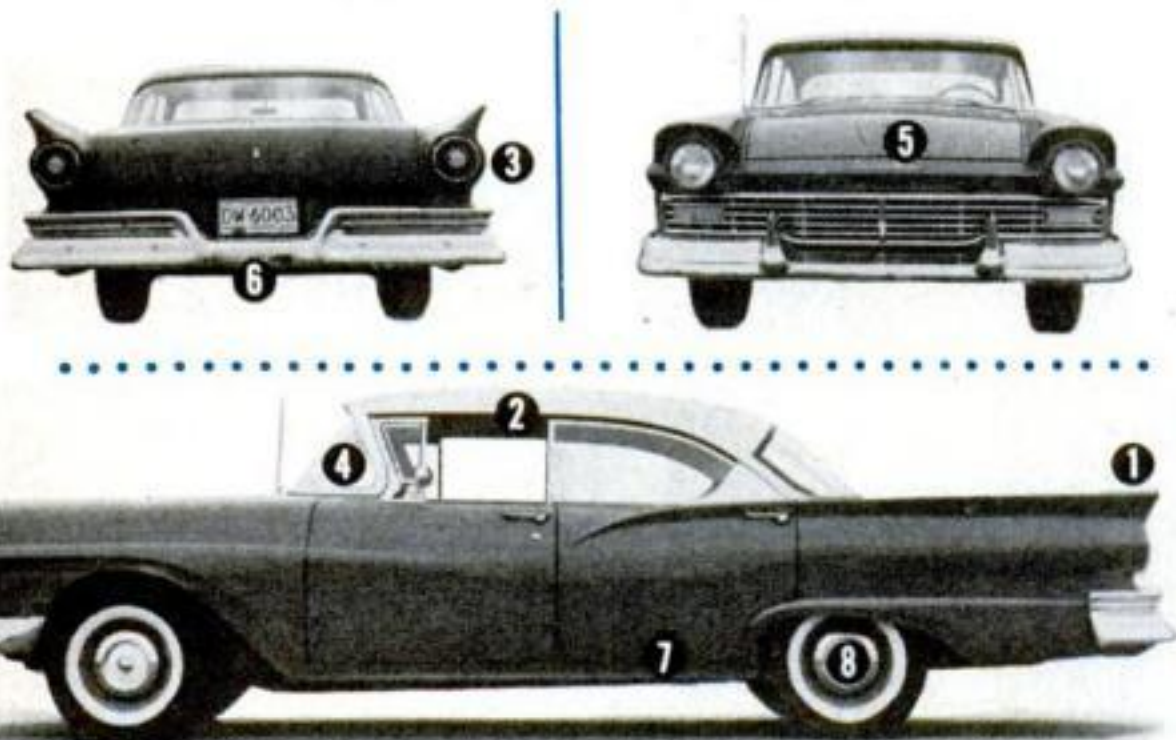


Just to stress a point: The new Ford hardtop's roof is only 56 inches above the ground.

## Ford: Newly Tailored

ALONG with a wholly redesigned chassis—longer, lower, wider—the '57 Ford offers four engines with top horsepower of 245, a new ventilation system and a more cushiony ride. Cornering, too, is improved. Read more about it on p. 113.

### 3-MINUTE WALK-AROUND



1. Seven inches longer
2. Up to four inches lower
3. One inch wider
4. More windshield wraparound
5. Front-hinged hood
6. Guardless rear bumper
7. Step-down floor in the rear
8. 14-inch wheels





The 1957 Dodge manages to look longer without stretching an inch—it's just built lower.

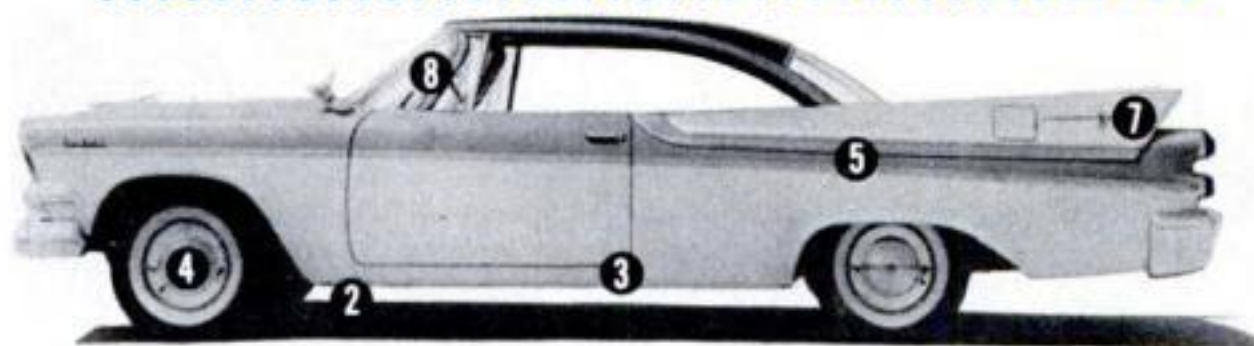
## Dodge: One Big Engine

INSTEAD of offering the usual choice in eight-cylinder engines, Dodge limits you to one big one in 1957—with 325-cu. in. displacement, 8.5:1 compression ratio. The six-cylinder model has 8:1 compression. For more, see p. 120.

### 3-MINUTE WALK-AROUND



1. Bigger glass area
2. Three inches lower
3. Step-down floor
4. 14-inch wheels
5. New color combinations
6. Side-by-side lights
7. Bigger rear-fender fins
8. More windshield wraparound







## Hudson

A 255-hp. V-8 engine, with overhead valves, 327-cu.-in. displacement and 9:1 compression ratio distinguishes the '57 Hornet.



## Nash

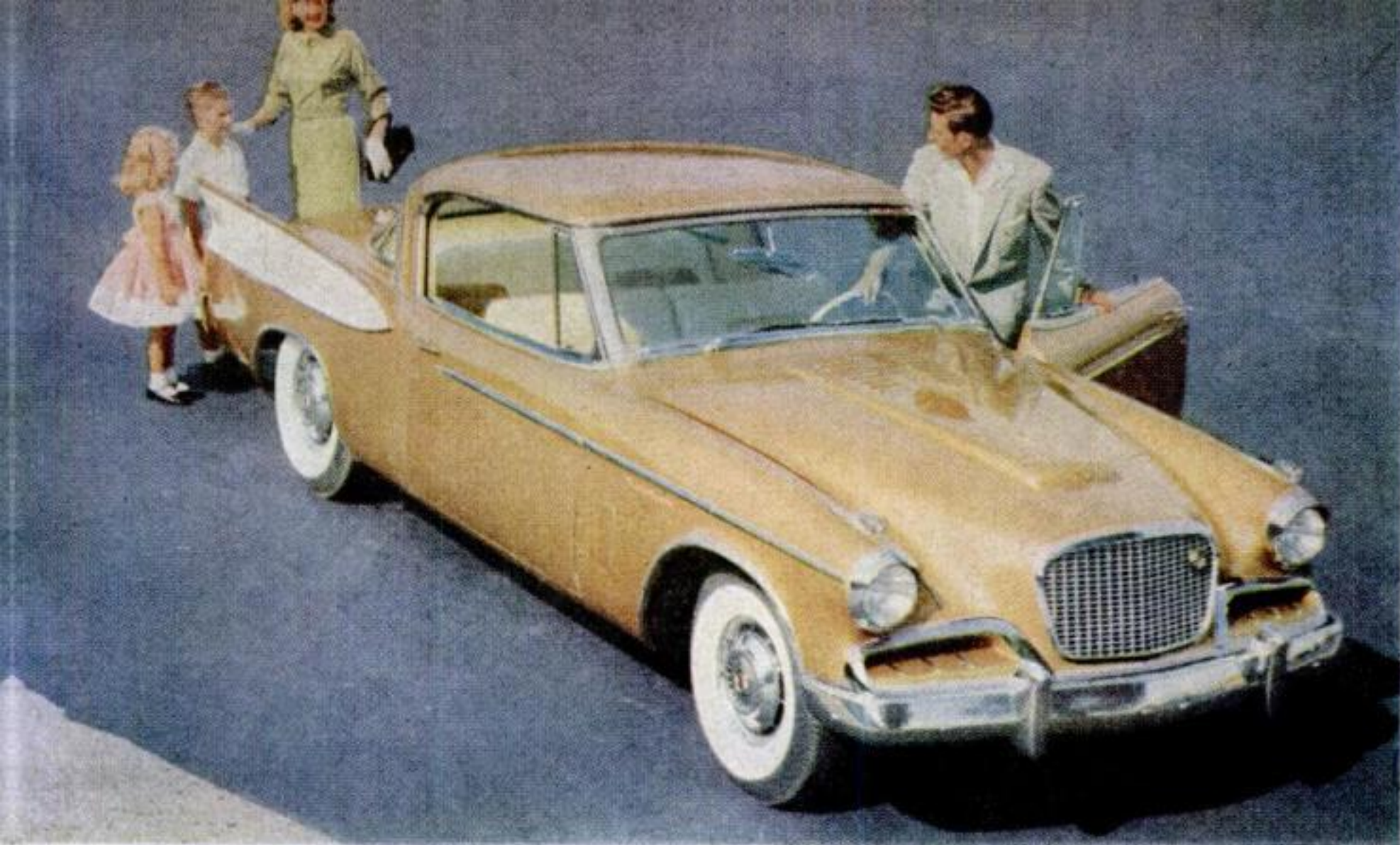
With the same engine as Hudson's Hornet, the '57 Ambassador has a new, lower chassis, four-eyed headlights, more maneuverability.

## Rambler

For 1957, this pert little car can be had with a 125-hp., six-cyl. engine or a 190-hp., eight-cyl. engine, burning non-premium fuel.







## Studebaker

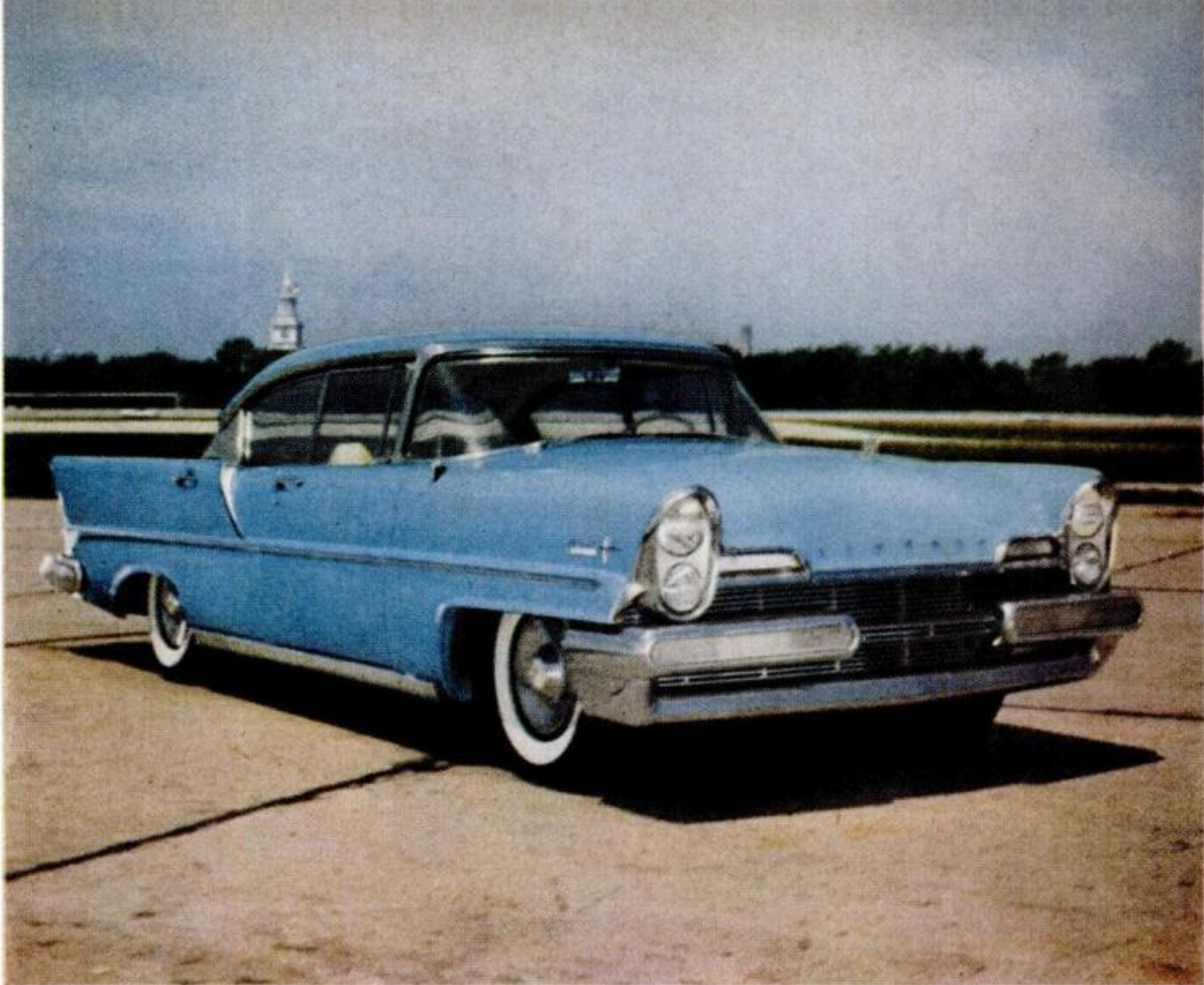
THE supercharged Golden Hawk is still the showpiece. Regular-line lures: a 275-hp. engine, nonslip differential, faster steering.



## DeSoto

IN the Chrysler family, only DeSoto is longer—an inch. Engine size is up to 340 cu. in. And there's a new series—the FireSweep.





Lincoln's addition to the family is two inches lower, an inch wider, than two-door brother.

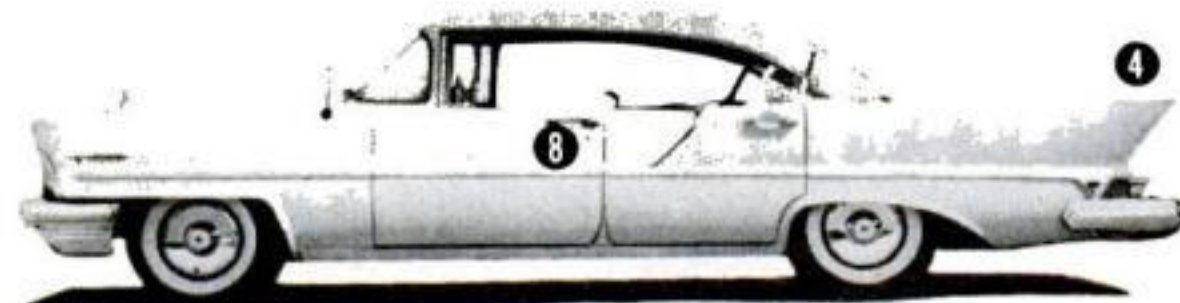
## Lincoln: 4-Door Hardtop

ADDING a snooty new hardtop to its 1957 brood, Lincoln has given them all more pep. Compression has been boosted from 9:1 to 9.9:1, lifting horsepower up to 300. There is thermostatic air-conditioning, too, and better spark advance.

### 3-MINUTE WALK-AROUND



1. Four-eyed headlights
2. More rear glass wraparound
3. One inch wider
4. Two inches longer
5. Two-level front bumper
6. Canted fins
7. Concealed twin tailpipes
8. Electric door locks





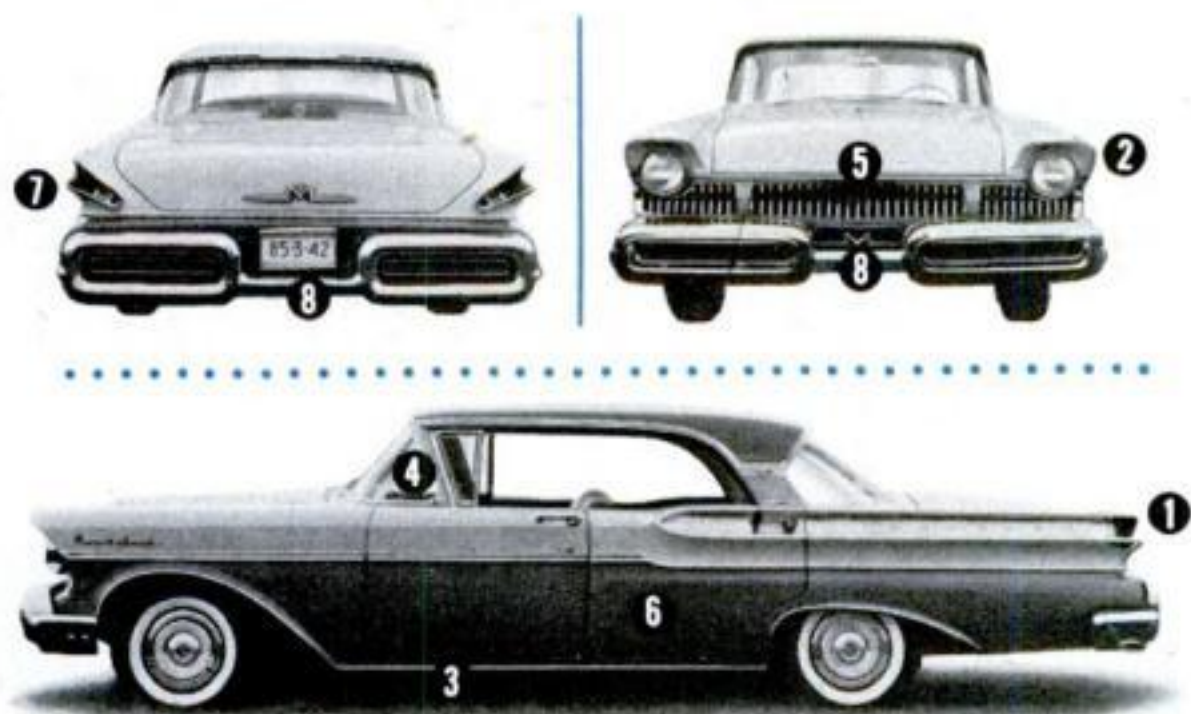


Mercury's more powerful 1957 line has allotted more space for heads, long legs—and hips.

## Mercury: Air Cushioned

WHEN you're through admiring Mercury's smart new looks, consider these added assets: air-cushioned rear-spring anchorage, push-button automatic transmission, speed-compensated shock absorbers, 290-hp. engine. Then see p. 124.

### 3-MINUTE WALK-AROUND



1. Five inches longer
2. Three inches wider
3. Three inches lower
4. More windshield wraparound
5. Front-hinged hood
6. Step-down floor
7. Novel rear-light styling
8. Guardless bumpers





Chrysler driver's horizon is broadened with bigger windshield. There's a fancy dash, too.

## Chrysler: Power Surge

A zooming rise in piston displacement (392 cu. in.) of the New Yorker, shown here, is Chrysler's biggest 1957 news. There's a new series, too—the Saratoga, matching the Windsor in its displacement (354 cu. in.). Read more on p. 120.

### 3-MINUTE WALK-AROUND



1. More glass area
2. Lower belt line
3. Roof three inches lower
4. Bigger fins
5. Lower hood
6. Lower rear deck
7. Guardless front bumper
8. Windows slant inward more



## How they compare:

# Chevy, Ford, Plymouth

By Devon Francis

**W**HEN Chevrolet, Ford and Plymouth went on display in their 1957 dress last month, they gave a lot of people a jolt.

The "small, simple" cars had outgrown their pants. They were bigger than ever, more powerful than ever, more luxurious than ever. The prices: higher than ever, by about \$65.

Where Chevrolet, Ford and Plymouth leave off, and Cadillac, Lincoln and Chrysler New Yorker begin, is now a blurred boundary.

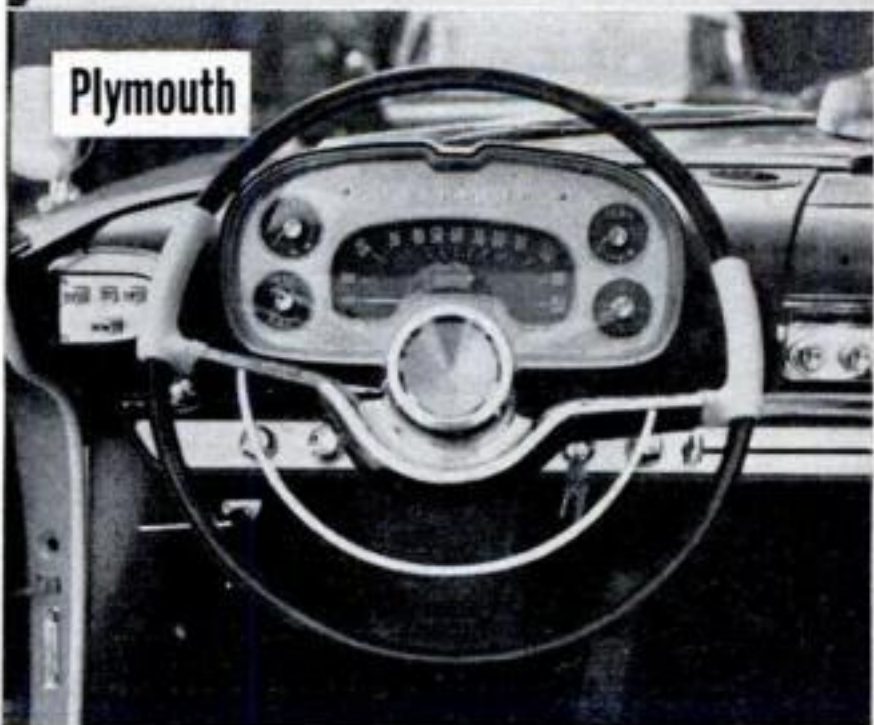
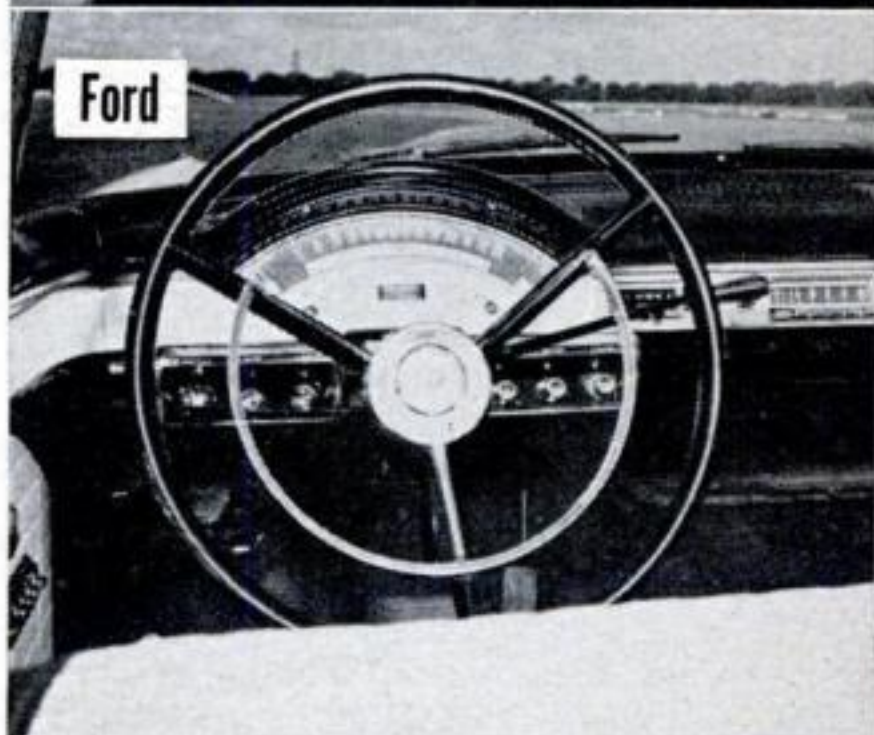
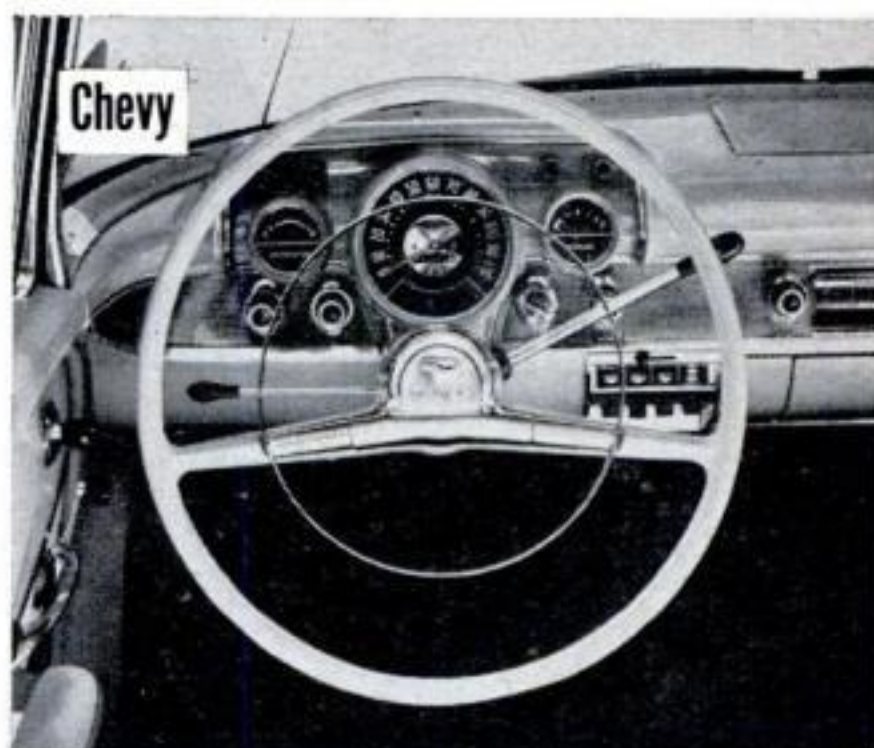
Here are just *some* of the tasty tidbits that manufacturers have incorporated to separate customers from their money:

- Optional fuel injection.
- Sports-car lowness.
- Interiors swiped from a maharajah's throne room.
- A softer ride but flatter cornering.
- Scattier getaway.
- Windshields that wrap around clear back to here.
- Torsion-bar front suspension.
- Step-down floors.
- A thump-free transmission.
- And—of course—more horsepower.

What this means doesn't take a Solomon to figure out: To sell their wares in 1957, the manufacturers are resorting to everything but Bank Night.

The new Chevrolet, Ford and Plymouth offer the same thing—extraordinarily good transportation—but what they have in common could be held in your hat. In an industry noted for its aping, that's news.

All three cars now have ball-joint suspension in front. All have the new





# Chevy

MORE HORSEPOWER

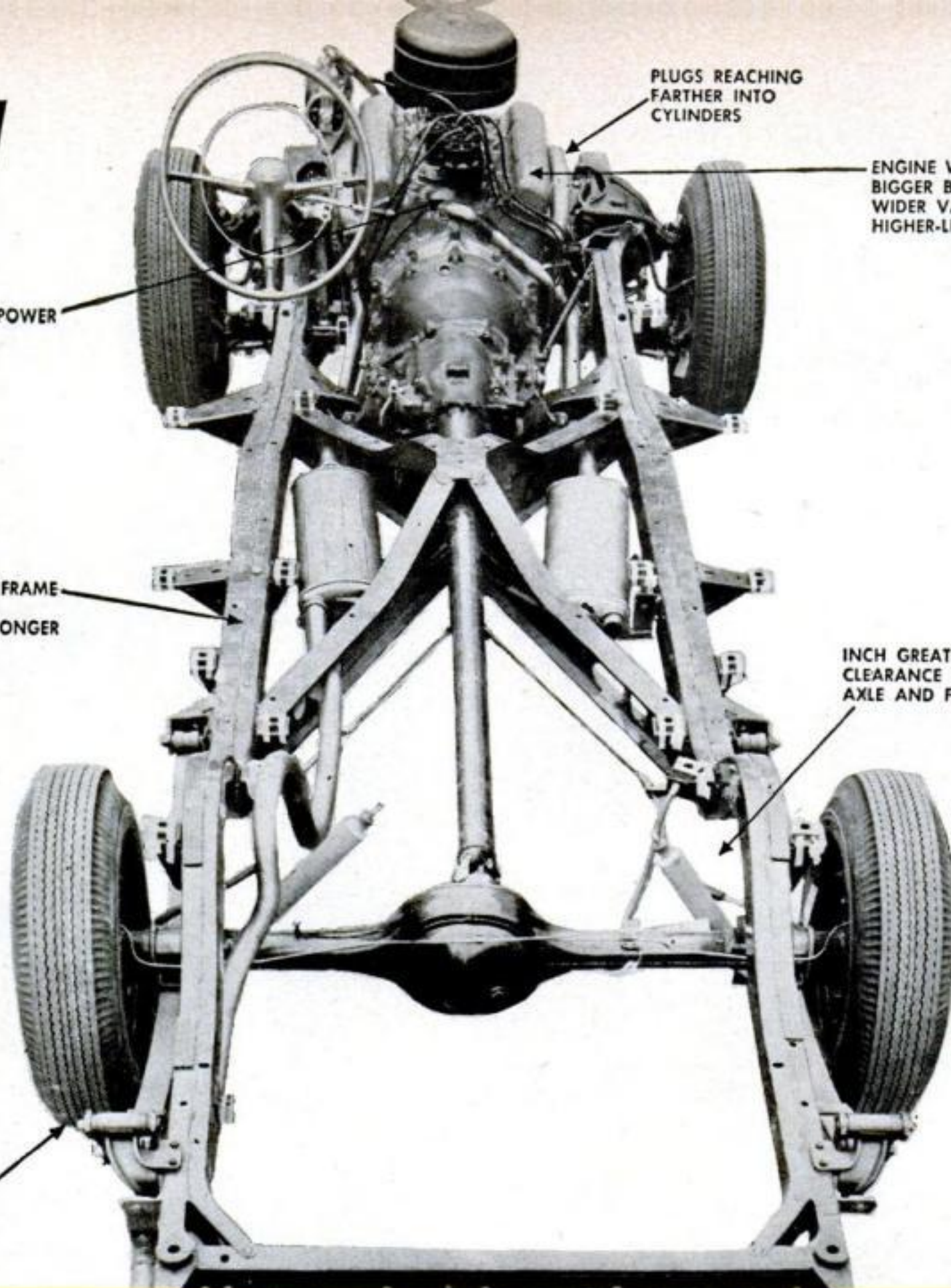
PLUGS REACHING  
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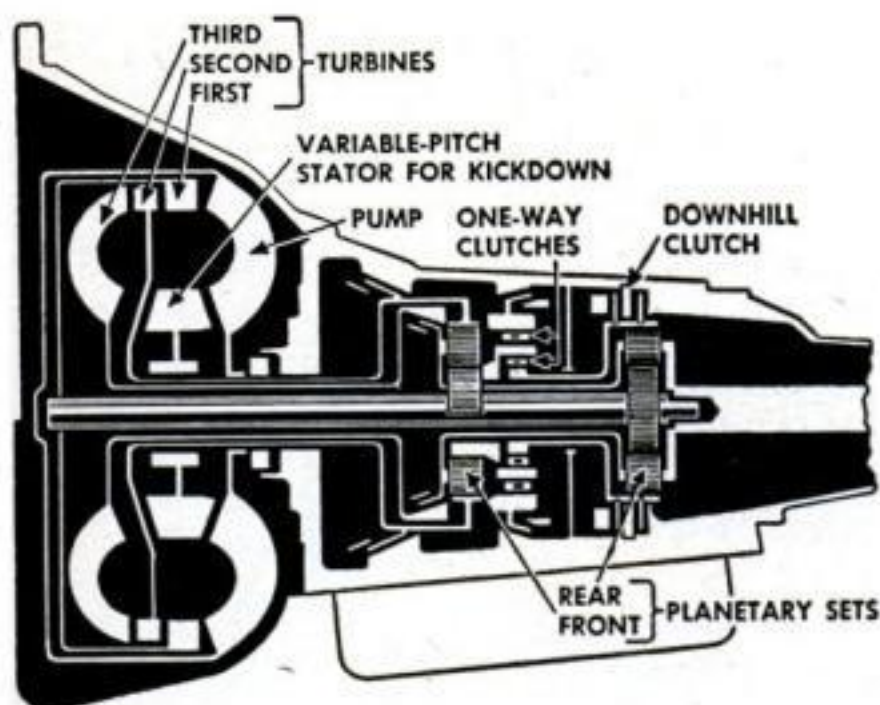
UNCHANGED FRAME  
TAKES BODY  
2½ INCHES LONGER

INCH GREATER  
CLEARANCE BETWEEN  
AXLE AND FRAME

BIGGER TIRE  
"FOOTPRINT"



Chevy's chassis carries engines with options of fuel injection or two four-barrel carburetors.



**CHEVY'S NEW TRANSMISSION** has jerkless kick-down for acceleration, and geared Hill Retarder.

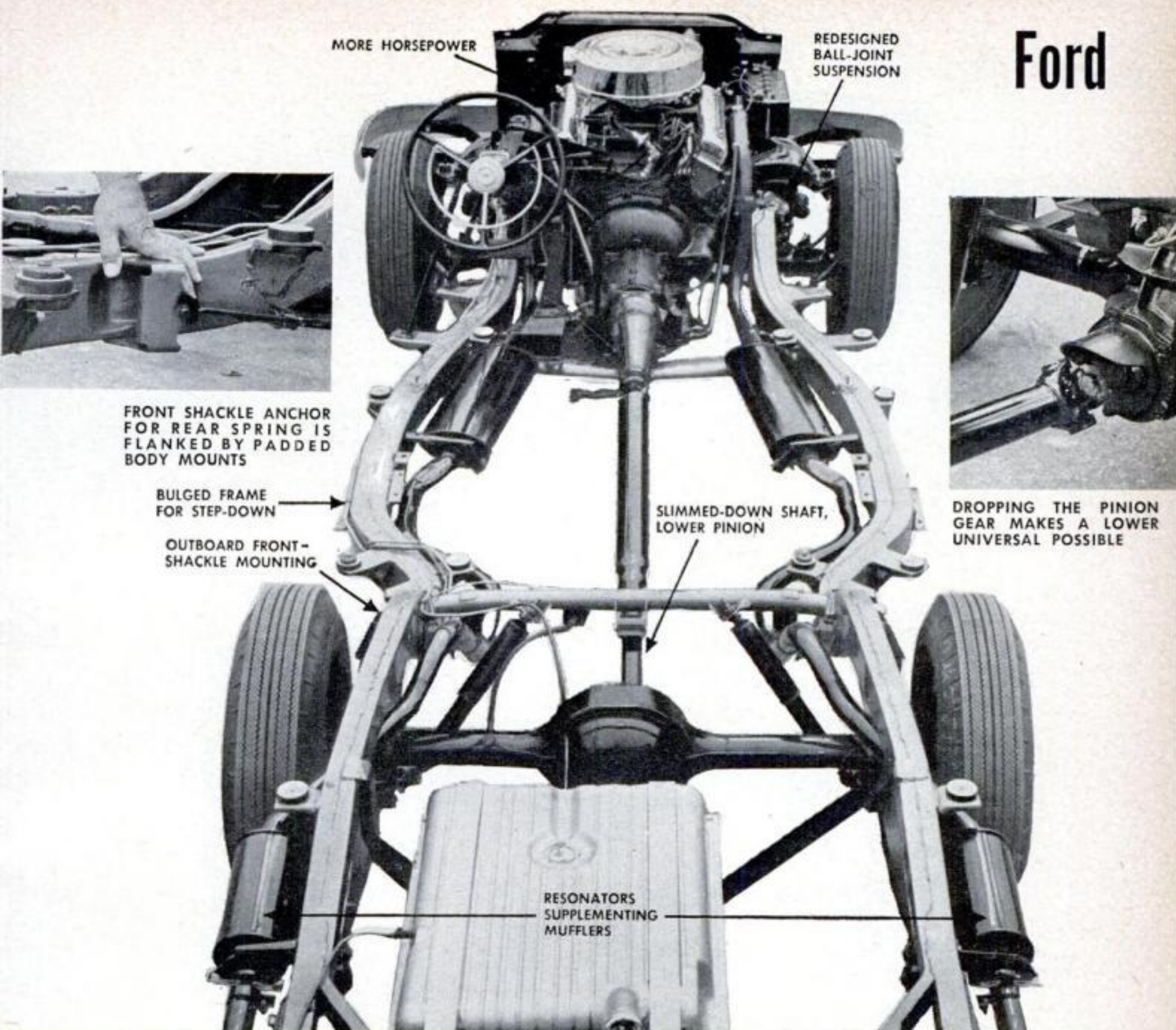
14-inch wheels. All have that sublime ability to go through a hard turn without a skittering of the rear end. All have fishtails. All have better ventilation systems. All have horsepower that no driver can use to the limit without getting tagged. And model for model, all are priced about the same.

Beyond this, the three automobiles differ rather widely. Take a look at them, in alphabetical order:

## CHEVROLET

Chevy offers two king-size mechanical changes, both optional, in an "off-year" model that normally would pass





Ford chassis is notable for Mae West curves, lowered side rails, wider treads front and rear.

with skimpy modifications. One is a constant-flow type of fuel injection (see page 127) that does away completely with a carburetor. The other is a Buick-like, thump-free automatic transmission. Both bespeak a shrewd maneuver by Chevrolet to take some of the bloom from spanking-new cars by Ford and Plymouth.

Chevy's introduction of fuel injection was probably the best-kept secret of the new model year. As forecast by POPULAR SCIENCE last February, the new fuel system solves many of the nagging problems of conventional carburetion.

**The constant-flow system** has had its drawbacks. The most pressing, perhaps,

was the engineers' inability to obtain a satisfactory flow of fuel at idling speeds. Chevrolet figures it has that whipped.

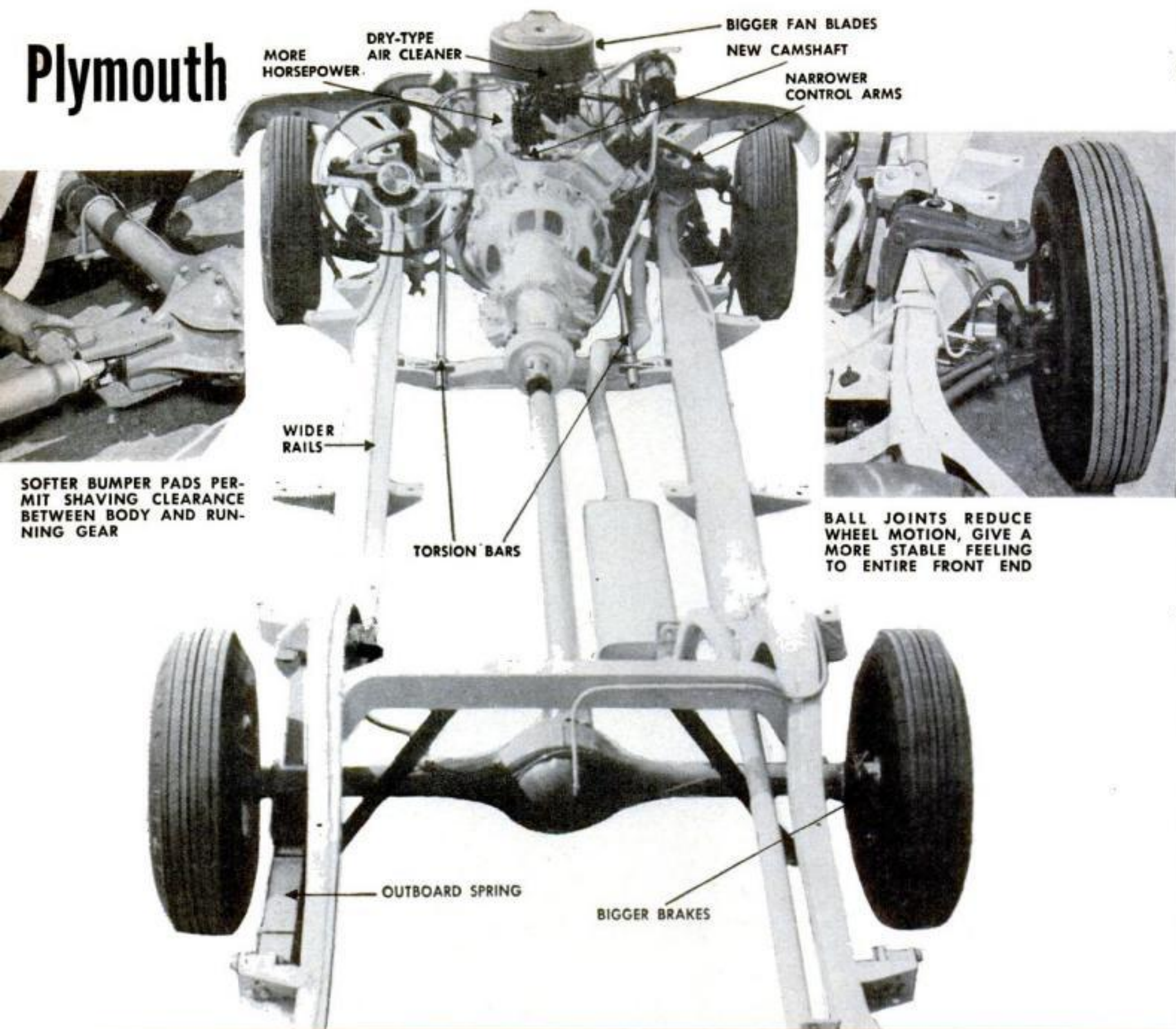
The company's second big development is that new transmission, called Turboglide. Take heed, here, because Chevy's method of handing off torque from the engine to the rear wheels is a new plateau in transmission engineering.

Chevrolet's older Powerglide—still being offered—has a two-turbine torque converter, with a single planetary gear system as a tailpiece to help in push-multiplication.

When the planetary is rolled in and out of the power train, a band and a

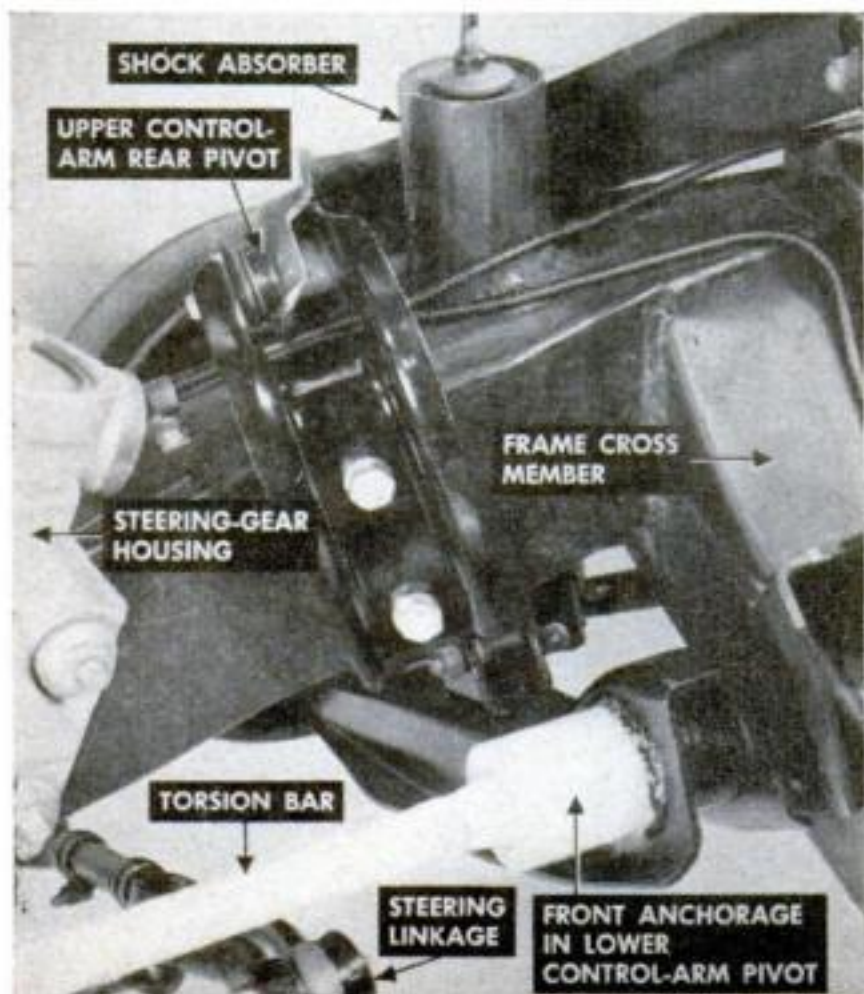


# Plymouth



Plymouth chassis features rear springs with a stiffened segment to prevent "axle windup."

**TORSION-BAR SPRINGING** and ball-joint front suspension reduce steering wheel fight.



multiple-disk clutch evoke a slight thump, common to Chevrolet and also to Ford's and Plymouth's automatic drives.

*The new Turboglide* still has a torque converter with a tailpiece. The box carries *two* planetaries, in tandem. But there are no bands to seize the drums, and in the converter, backing up the conventional pump that whizzes the oil around, there are *three* turbines.

The first turbine goes into action when the engine revs up the pump from a standing start. It boosts the torque to the drive shaft. And it's connected solidly to the rear planetary for greater torque.

As the car comes unstuck, oil from the





**LOWEST OF THREE** for '57, Plymouth sliced off inches with smaller wheels, mounting rear spring

shackles outboard, reducing clearance between body and running gear, thinning down roof.

pump begins surging against the buckets of the second turbine. This is connected directly to the front planetary to boost *its* torque.

As the car gains speed, the first and second turbines begin free-wheeling, the planetaries roll out of the torque-multiplication scheme, and the *third* turbine begins getting the bulk of the oil from the pump. It, too, is solidly linked to the planetaries, but at a one-to-one ratio. Thump is eliminated.

Chevy offers *eight* different horsepower ratings in engines with displacements up to 283 cubic inches and compression ratios as high as 9.5:1.

## FORD

There is a feeling behind the saffron-hued front of the Ford Division headquarters in the Detroit suburb of Livonia that 1957 has to be Ford's year.

Ford claimed that it beat Chevy in sales in 1955. Chevy said it didn't, and then heaped insult on injury by peddling a lot more cars in 1956.

But Ford allows as how that this time around it can snatch the brass ring.

The Ford is down in height to as little as 56 inches, as described in the last issue of *POPULAR SCIENCE*. It's an inch wider. In the Custom series it's three inches longer. In the Fairlane it's more than nine inches longer.

**Frames are heavier** and stronger. Walk into any Ford showroom and ask

for a wheelbase, and the salesman will inquire politely, as though he were cutting bologna, "What length would you like?" They do have two sizes—116 and 118 inches. The variation in overall length is greater: on the posh Fairlane, they add five inches.

Then, the engineers have reworked the power plants. The holes for the pistons are unchanged, but the compression ratios are up. So are the horsepowers. The ratings range from 144 for the inline six, at 223 cubic inches, to 245 for the whopping 312-cubic-inch V-8.

The automatic transmission oil is now cooled by radiator water through a heat-exchanger, rather than air-cooled. This isn't brand-new. It was a running change during the 1956 model year.

Ford now has 19 models of cars in five lines, including its station-wagon line. If you don't like the Custom jobs, you can get the Custom 300, or the Fairlane, and if you don't like any of those flavors, you can get the Fairlane 500. The main difference is in the shimmering facets, and what you are out of pocket to get them. The wagons—five different ones—constitute a fifth category.

## PLYMOUTH

Some 18 months ago a chap named John P. Mansfield, the grand vizier of Chrysler's Plymouth division, called his top executives into his office and said grimly, "Okay, let's get back in business."



	HORSEPOWER	PISTON DISPLACEMENT (cubic inches)	BORE AND STROKE	COMPRESSION RATIO (:1)	HP. PER CUBIC INCH	CAR WEIGHT PER HP. (pounds)	MAXIMUM TORQUE (lb./ft.) at r.p.m.	OVERALL MAXIMUM TORQUE MULTIPLICATION OF TRANSMISSION (:1)	FUEL REQUIREMENT	STEERING RATIO (:1)	
										Manual	Power
CHEVROLET	245 <sup>a</sup>	283	3.87 x 3	9.5	.86	13.9	300 @ 3800	4.3	Prem.	25.7	23.3
FORD	245 <sup>b</sup>	312	3.8 x 3.44	9.7	.78	14.2	332 @ 3200	5.04	Prem.	27	27
PLYMOUTH	235 <sup>c</sup>	301	3.91 x 3.13	8.5	.78	16.1	N.A.	4.47	Reg.	26.8	19.8

<sup>a</sup> Without fuel injection; seven other engine options offered

<sup>b</sup> Three other engine options offered

**TODAY'S "SMALL" CARS** make "big" cars of yesteryear seem almost anemic. Only five years

ago Cadillac had a whopping 190 horsepower, Chrysler's New Yorker 180 and Lincoln 160.

He had reason. Buick had elbowed Plymouth out of third place in sales in 1954. It has clung there since.

It took a long time to build a wholly new Plymouth, but there is hardly anything that can be said about the changes in the 1957 vehicle that would be an extravagance.

You think the Ford has a low roof? Pshaw! The Plymouth goes clear down as far as 54.2 inches on the hardtop. It looks even lower. That's because it's 3½ inches wider. Yet, unlike the Chevrolet and the Ford, it's no longer. In fact, it's a sliver of an inch shorter, despite an increase of three inches in wheelbase. The addition in wheelbase was invested mostly in reducing the front overhang.

That's only a pittance of the changes in appearance.

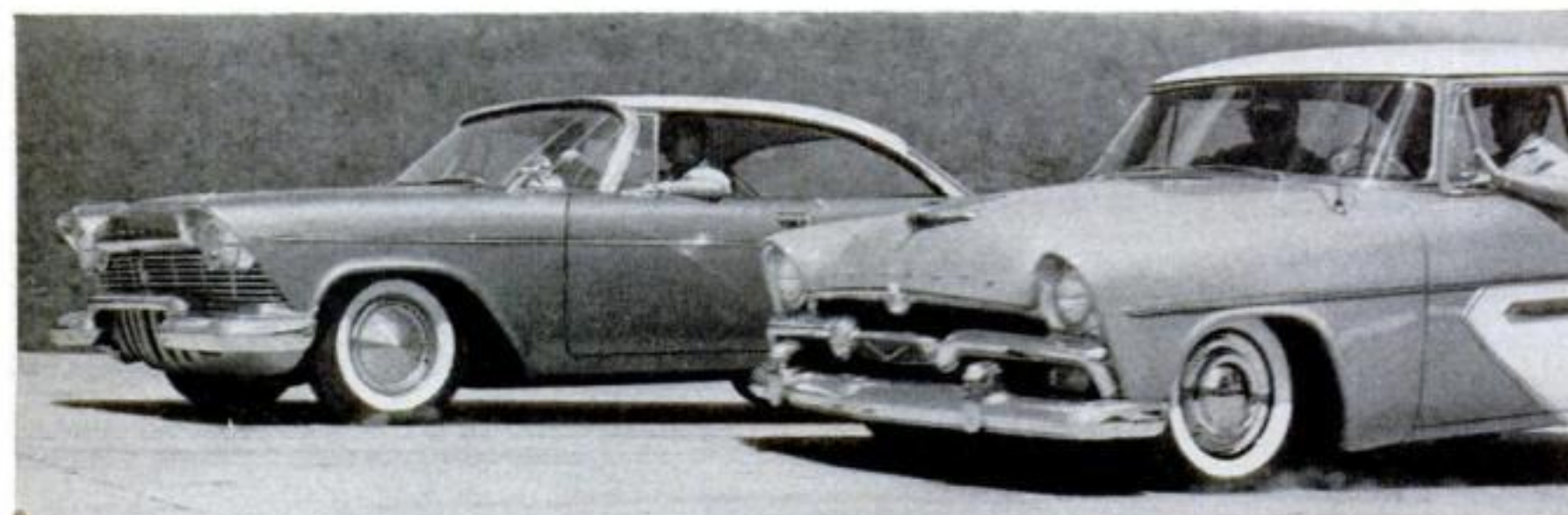
**The windshield is higher**, and wraps around more. The roof projects to make a visor for the windshield. The bumpers

are devoid of guards and—seriously—are described as "split-level." The tail fins should supply a final conclusion to this trend in styling. The headlights effectively simulate the new duals by being bracketed with the parking lights.

The Plymouth frame, like Ford's, is rugged, although it doesn't bulge. To accommodate a step-down floor pan, so the driver and his passengers have adequate headroom, the frame rails—straight—were squashed and widened. The body is mounted *on* them, not inside them. Plymouth says this is necessary for strength and torsional rigidity. The whole frame is 50 pounds heavier.

**More headroom** had to be scrounged somewhere, and here the stylists of yesteryear, who once imperiously demanded Plymouth's high, proud benches, will squirm. The seat heights, are down as much as 3.2 inches.

On the mechanical side, Plymouth



**STRIKING DIVE CORRECTION** in the new Plymouth on sudden braking is shown graphically in this

photo. Nearer car is a '56. Solution lay in relocating the upper-control-arm inner pivot.



	TURNING-CIRCLE DIAMETER curb to curb (feet)	BRAKE-LINING AREA (square inches)	GROUND CLEARANCE	WHEELBASE	OVERALL LENGTH	WIDTH	HEIGHT	OVERHANG		HEAD ROOM		SHOULDER ROOM		HIP ROOM		LEG ROOM	
								Front	Rear	Front	Rear	Front	Rear	Front	Rear	Front	Rear
	44.5	158	6.2	115	200	73.8	59	32.5	52.5	36	35.6	56.9	56.4	62.1	63	44.7	39.8
	41.6	180.1	7.1	118	207.7	77	56	35	54.7	38.9	38	57.3	57	60.1	60.1	45.1	42.5
	42.5	184	7.3	118	204.6	78.2	57.3	32.2	54.4	35.9	34.6	60.5	60.4	63	62.7	45.9	42

c Other engine options, some dealer-installed, offered

N.A.—Not available

Chevrolet's top engine for 1957 develops 283 hp. Pounds of weight per horsepower are more

than halved since 1952—Chevrolet's was 31.4 pounds, Ford's 29.2 and Plymouth's 30.7.

junked everything except its engines and transmissions and started from scratch. The front suspension is on ball joints. The pivots of the upper and lower control arms are embedded in rubber. The rear-spring anchorages are outboard of the frame. The rear axle is bigger.

But the biggest news in Plymouth, perhaps, counting everything, is torsion-bar suspension in front. Unlike Packard's, which incorporates an automatic load-leveler, Plymouth's slim bars, replacing the conventional coil springs, are simple. A pair of hex nuts lets you balance the car laterally or stiffen the springing for added load.

The change in Plymouth's ride is going to win purple prose. It's light, but firm. No longer can the sports-car cult complain that this car won't take corners. In weeks of testing on rough northern Michigan roads last spring, it shot through square turns head-high. The low silhouette helps. So do the torsion bars and the shackling of the rear springs. So do struts that stabilize the front end.

All this, at long last, mends that irritating habit that the Plymouth has had of haunching down in a hard takeoff and of diving in a panic stop. **END**

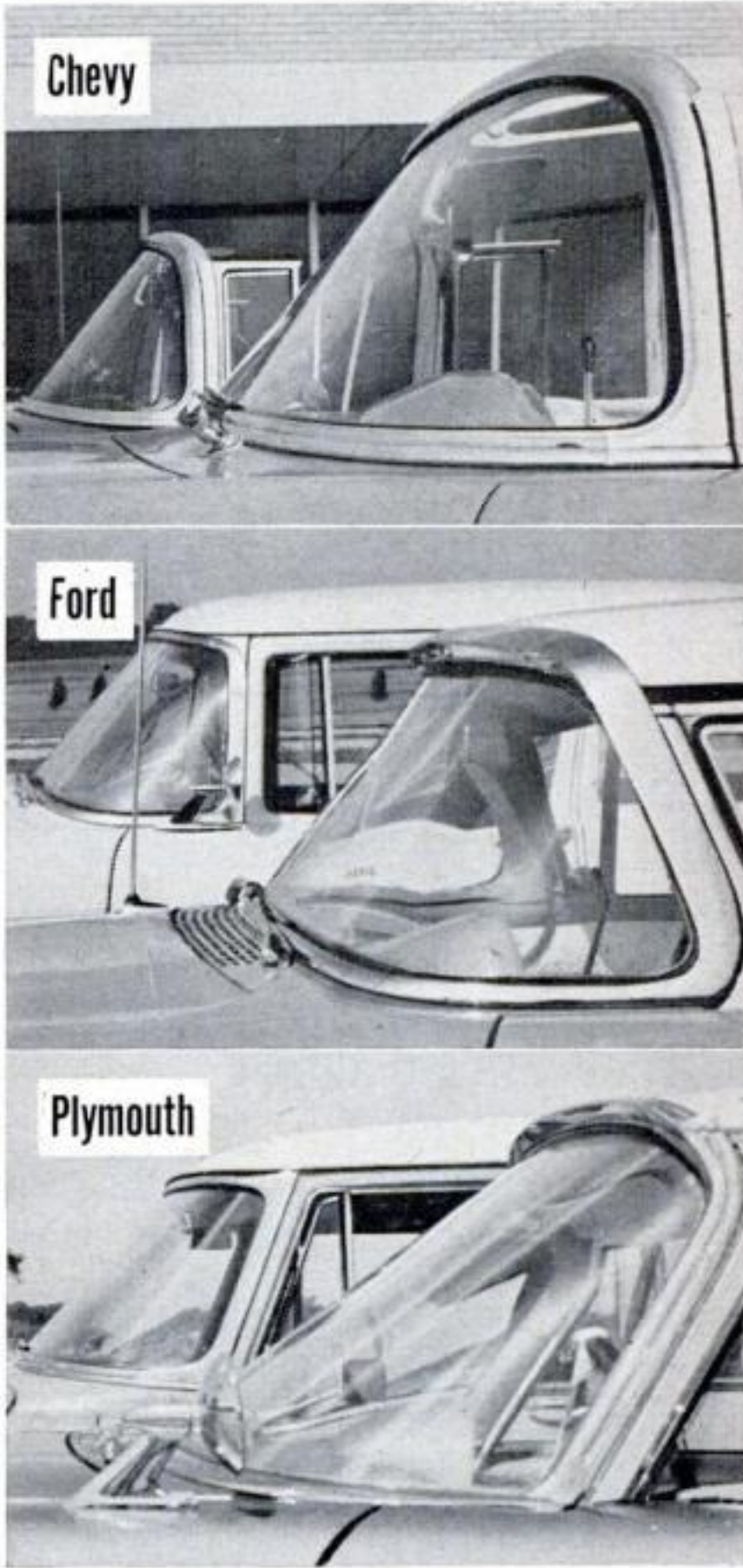
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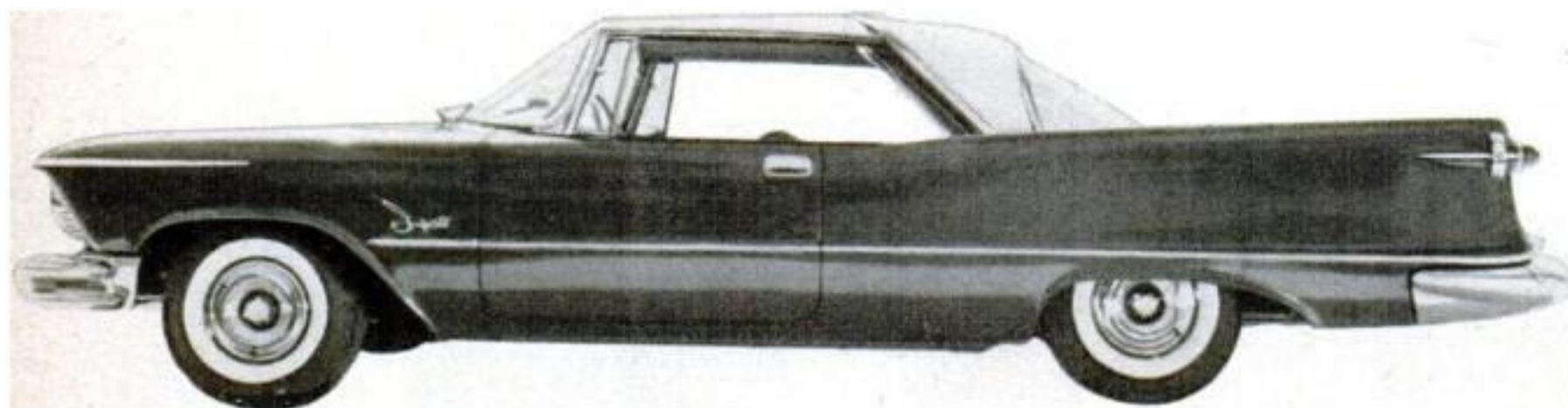


**WINDSHIELDS ARE CHANGED.** New versions are in foregrounds. Chevrolet's is an inch deeper. Ford's sweeps back more, is down in depth from 16½ to 15 inches. Plymouth's is up 5½ to 22.



**What's new in the**

# **Chrysler Family for 1957**



**Imperial's lower roof and belt lines make it look rakishly long though inches shorter**

**Chrysler headlines more displacement, a new transmission, and a third series in the line**

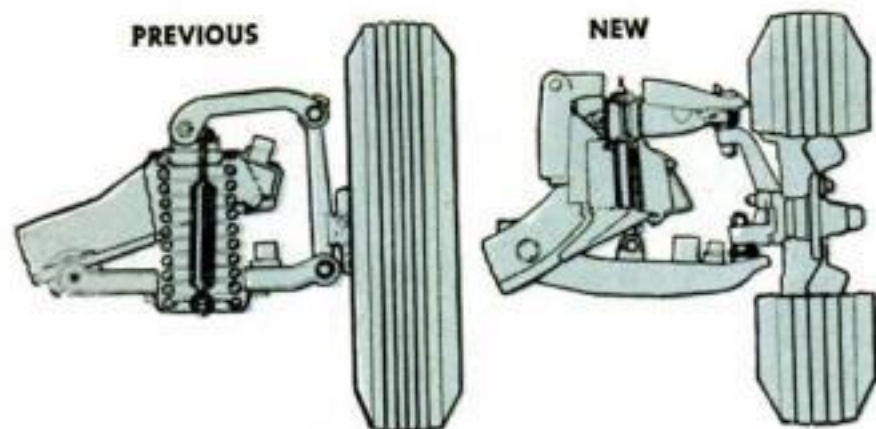


**A low, low look cloaks bigger power plants, new torsion bars and a husky, uniform frame.**

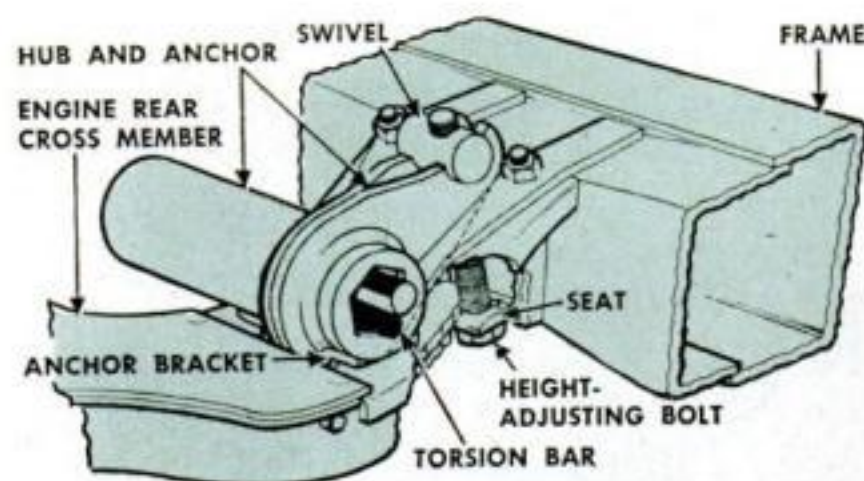
**By William C. Callahan**

**F**OR the third year in a row, Dodge, DeSoto, Chrysler and Imperial are out with a packet of new concepts in engineering and design.

The entire line is also fresh and pleasing to look at. Previewing the cars for POPULAR SCIENCE in Detroit several weeks before they appeared in the show-



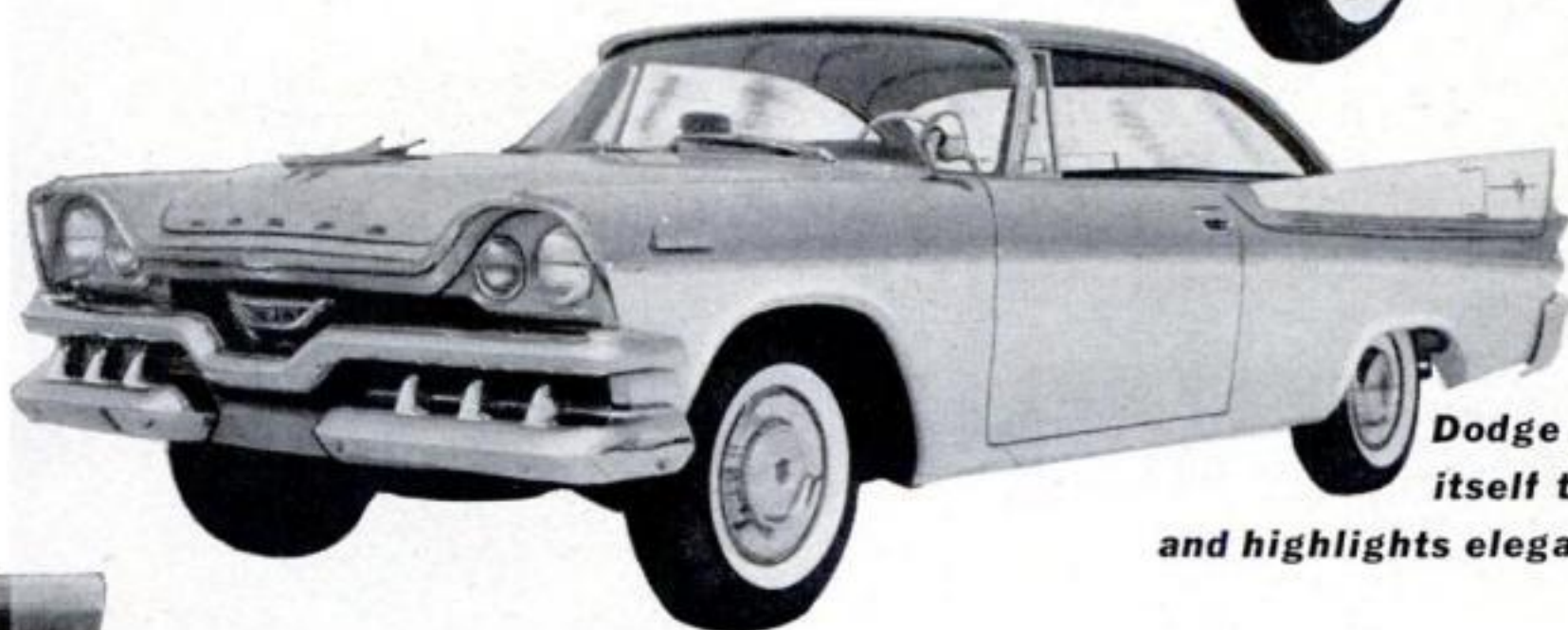
**CONTRASTING SKETCHES** show how ball-joint spindle mounts (right) improve front suspension.



**REAR-MOUNTING BRACKETS** for torsion bars provide for adjusting car height if the springs sag.



**DeSoto's two larger series  
have expanded in  
length as well  
as performance**



**Dodge restricts  
itself to one big V-8  
and highlights elegance of styling**

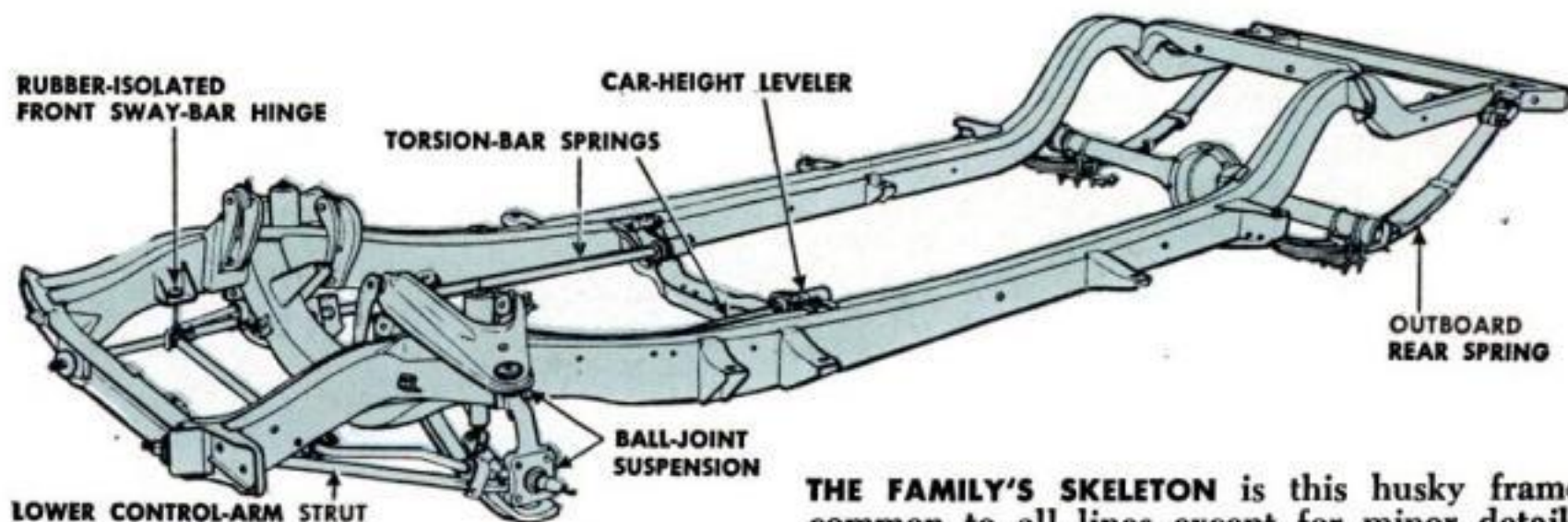
rooms, I was impressed at the start by the increase in glass area front and rear.

Imperial in particular has something that could start a trend—a windshield that is a “wrap-over” as well as a wrap-around. My second strong impression was that of lowness: Belt lines on all cars have been lowered  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to two inches and roof lines have been dropped three inches or more. With the exception of DeSoto (which is one inch longer), Chrysler-built cars have stopped outgrowing their garages. Some Chryslers are two inches shorter and Imperials  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches shorter, which is certainly a step

in the right direction. All lines *appear* longer, however, because of the sleek roof lines.

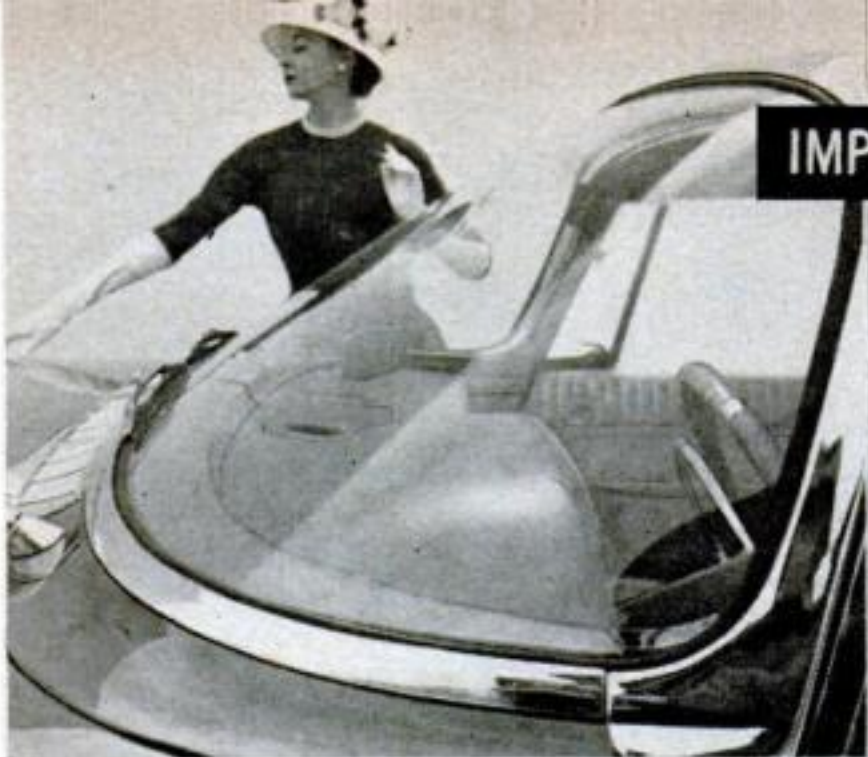
There are a raft of mechanical innovations for 1957. Major changes include new frames; torsion-bar springing in front and ball-joint spindle mounts; and engines with increased displacement, horsepower and torque. As with many other 1957 cars, there are new 14-inch wheels and new paper air filters on the carburetors.

**The family chassis.** One interesting experiment Chrysler is trying this year is that of using a uniform chassis layout on



**THE FAMILY'S SKELETON** is this husky frame, common to all lines except for minor details.

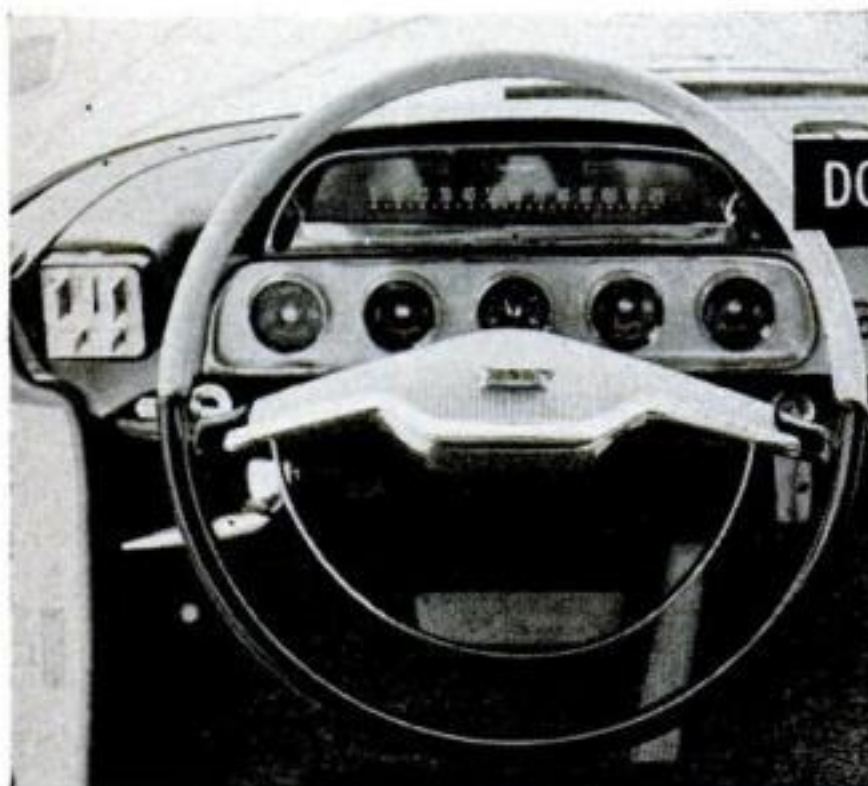




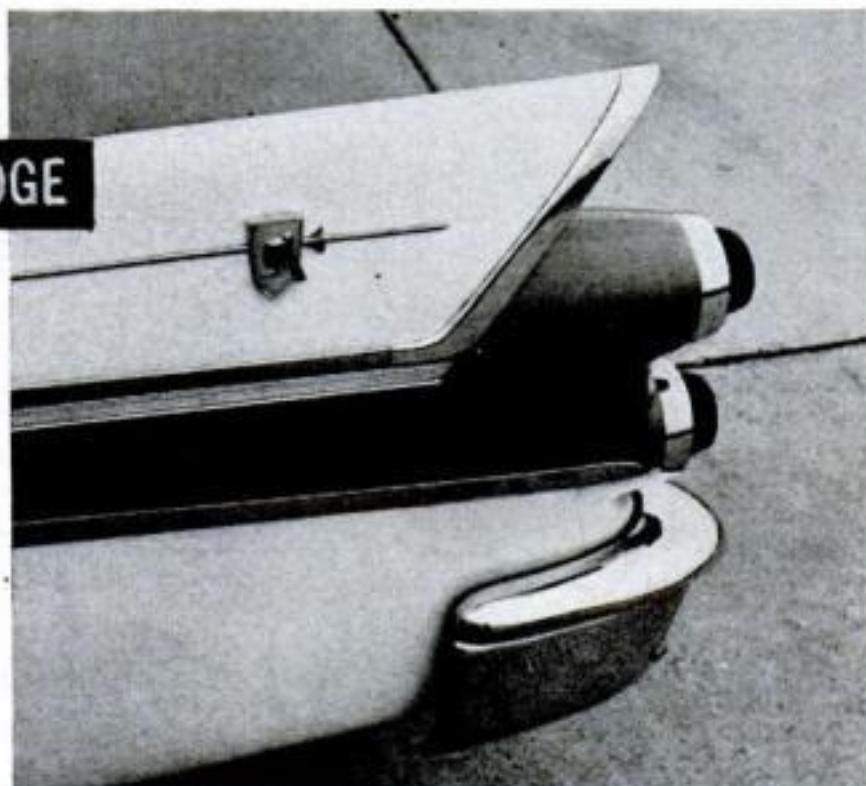
**BETTER OVERHEAD VISION** and a spicily futuristic look are the joint benefits of a windshield that, besides sweeping around to the sides, climbs up over the front of the car onto the roof.



**A SHARPLY TAPERED REAR DECK** poses fresh problems for the guy who has to load the trunk but enhances the car's dashing appearance. The rear-glass area has been much increased.



**REDESIGNED INSTRUMENT PANEL** keeps the transmission's push-button controls at the far left. You'll now press Neutral to spin the engine, thus avoiding the chance of starting in gear.



**THERE'S MORE FLARE** to the tail fins, which, in combination with bolder treatment of the rear-light assembly, add a pert final touch to a dramatic array of body styling changes.

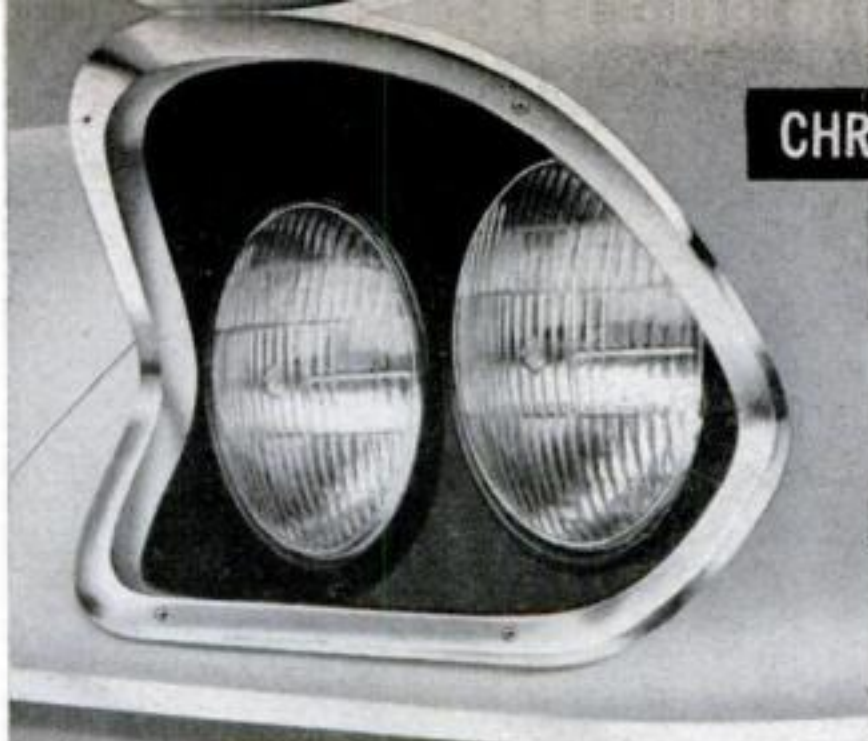
all its cars. With the exception of minor differences in dimensions and thickness of steel, chassis are identical for Plymouth, Dodge, DeSoto, Chrysler, and Imperial. They are husky hunks of metal, with box-section side members, a step-down design, and five cross members.

**The new torsion bars**, which contribute to the lower car silhouettes, work on the same principle as those used in Indianapolis race cars. The round bars, anchored on the rear engine-mount cross member, extend forward parallel to the frame. Their front ends are tied to each lower control arm.

When a front wheel hits a bump, the up-and-down movement of the control arms is resisted by twisting of the bar itself. A manual adjustment in the rear mounting bracket lets you increase the car height if the springs sag after long service. But this is a garage operation, not a self-leveling device such as Packard uses.

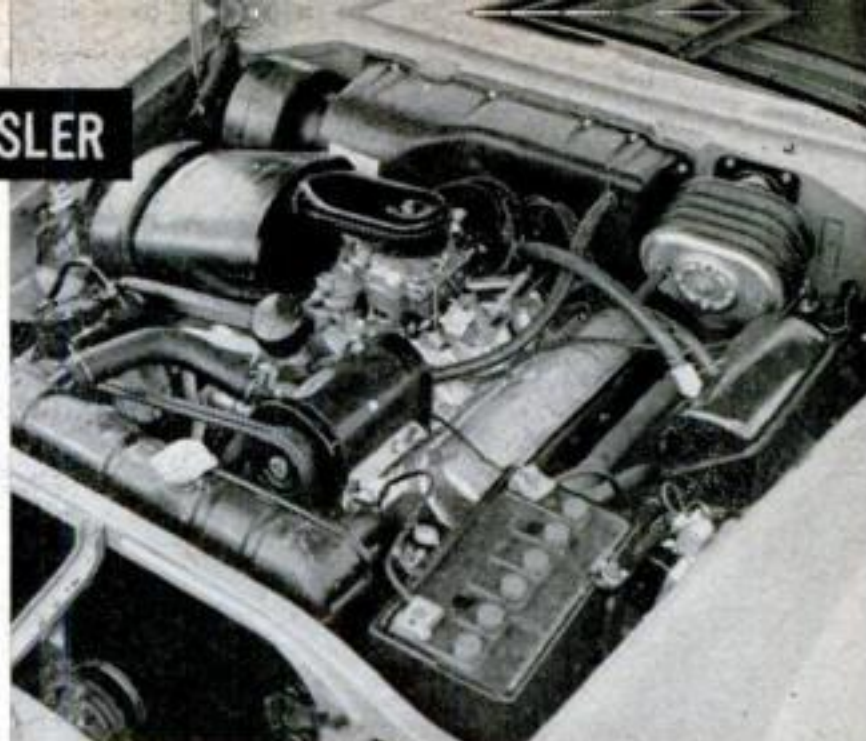
**Less sway and dip.** Another change in the front end is Chrysler's version of ball-joint spindle mounts, which eliminate the kingpin. Steering effort is materially reduced. The upper control-arm pivots are located on the frame so that,



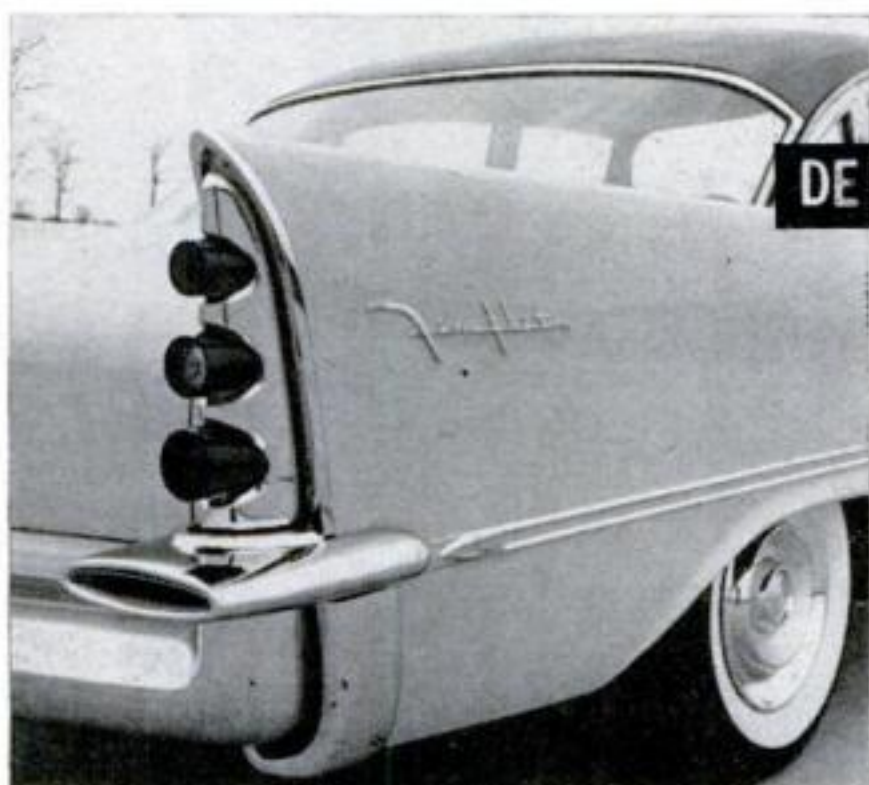


## CHRYSLER

**FOR A BROADER VIEW** of the road at night, twin headlamps, in this provocative setting, are installed in cars to be delivered in states where the lighting innovation is now legal.

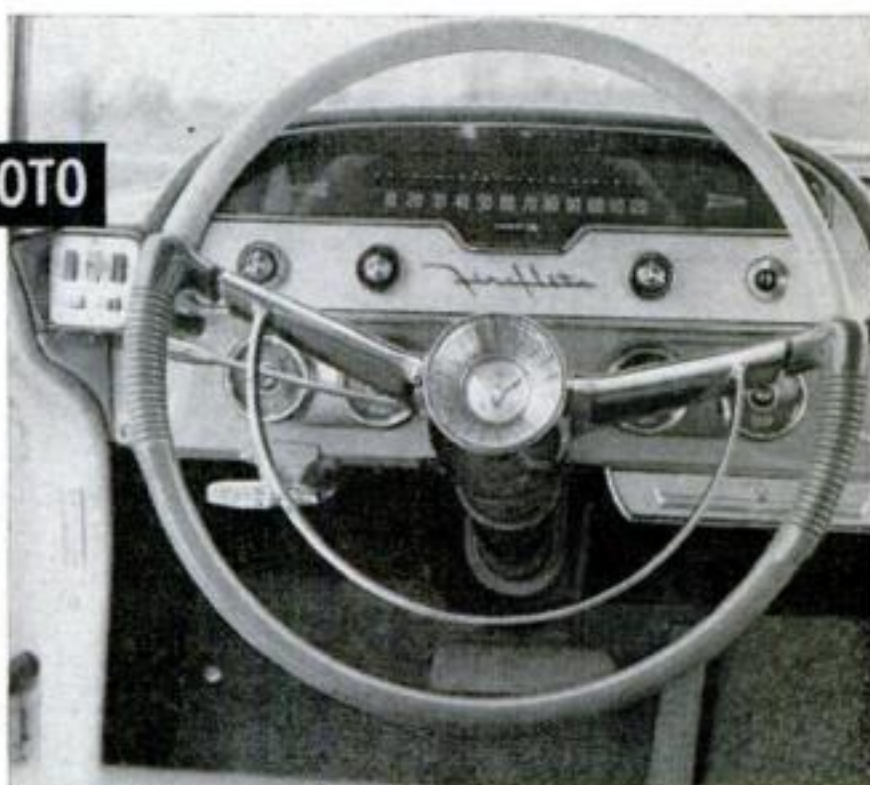


**A RICH INHERITANCE** from the Imperial is the 392-cu.-in. engine tucked away under the New Yorker's broad hood. Its high-dome pistons have raised the compression ratio to 9.25:1.



## DE SOTO

**AN IMPRESSIVE LINE-UP** of lights (from top to bottom: stop-and-turn, back-up and regular tail-lights) is displayed at the ends of the new DeSoto's increasingly upswept rear fenders.



**A DISHED STEERING WHEEL** is a welcome refinement for the restyled dash. Like all other members of the Chrysler family, DeSoto in 1957 will also sport flush-type handles on the doors.

during braking, part of the forward weight shift is counteracted. This reduces front-end dipping by as much as 65 percent on sudden stops.

The semi-elliptic rear springs are mounted with the axle forward of the middle point, and the shorter spring leaves are also centered here. Reason: beefing up the forward segment of the springs reduced the tendency of the spring to "wind up" under the twist of hard acceleration. This also permits a shallower drive tunnel and further lowering of the car's silhouette. The rear springs are mounted outboard, outside

the frame, which gives them a wide base to resist body roll on turns.

Two automatic transmissions are available: TorqueFlite, which has three forward gear ratios besides the converter; and PowerFlite, which provides two forward speed selections. Push-button control is continued this year, but an innovation is the use of the Neutral button to start the engine. The switch is turned on in the usual manner, and then the Neutral button is pressed.

Here are the highlights on each car:  
**Imperial.** Engine displacement has

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**Like a crown prince, behind locked doors and barred gates, the Big M is born—pretty as a new penny and rarin' to go.**

# The 1957 Mercury: Longer, Wider and.... Lower



**A**NY relationship that the new Mercurys bear to those that have gone before is purely coincidental.

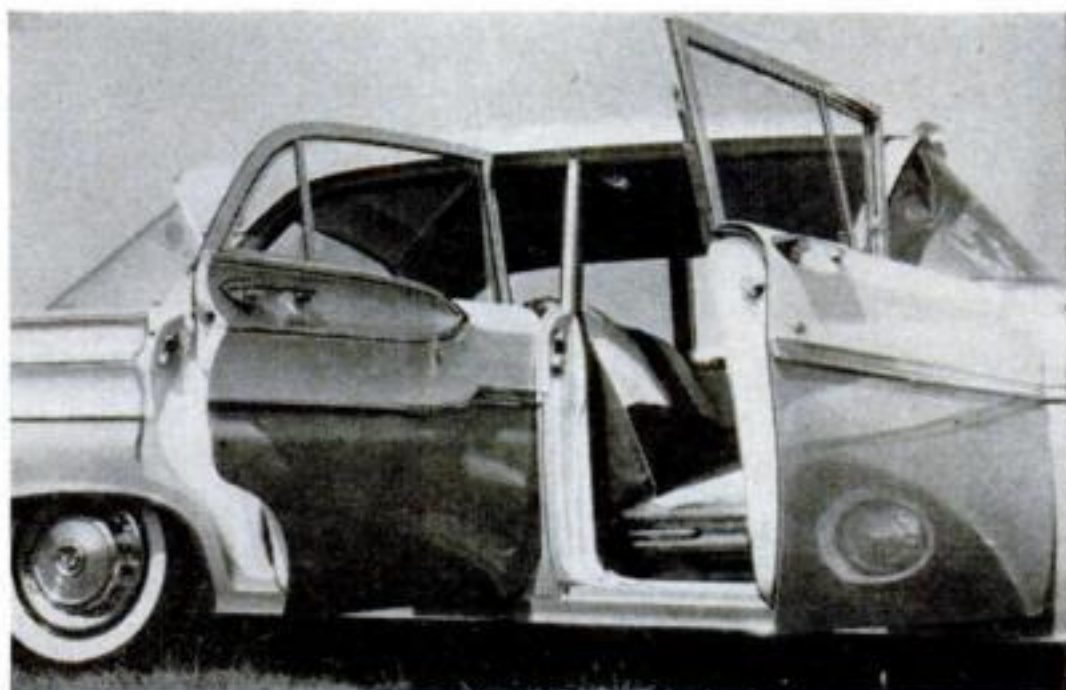
Horsepower? It's up. Performance? It's up. Length, wheelbase, interior room? They're up. Height? Well, maybe that's the only dimension that has gone down.

**There is no mistaking** the appearance of the '57 Merc. Any myopic five-year-old will be able to name the car with those identifying concave strips at the belt line. Visible a block away, astern they become two big, fat exclamation points as running lights. The only thing lacking is a pennant whipping the breeze.

The obvious is the least of the changes in the Merc. For the first time in its history the car has a body all its own. The Mercury's sheet metal panels no longer are to Ford's as Pontiac's are to Chevrolet's. But the Mercury's frame, like the Ford's, is bulged at the sides for a "step-down" floor.

The valving of the shock absorbers is "compensated"—it snubs down the springs for a soft ride at low speeds and "blows off" fluid to give the springs full travel at high speed.

**Brakes are bigger.** Brake-drum surface on the Mercury model that carries the regular 312-cubic-inch-displacement

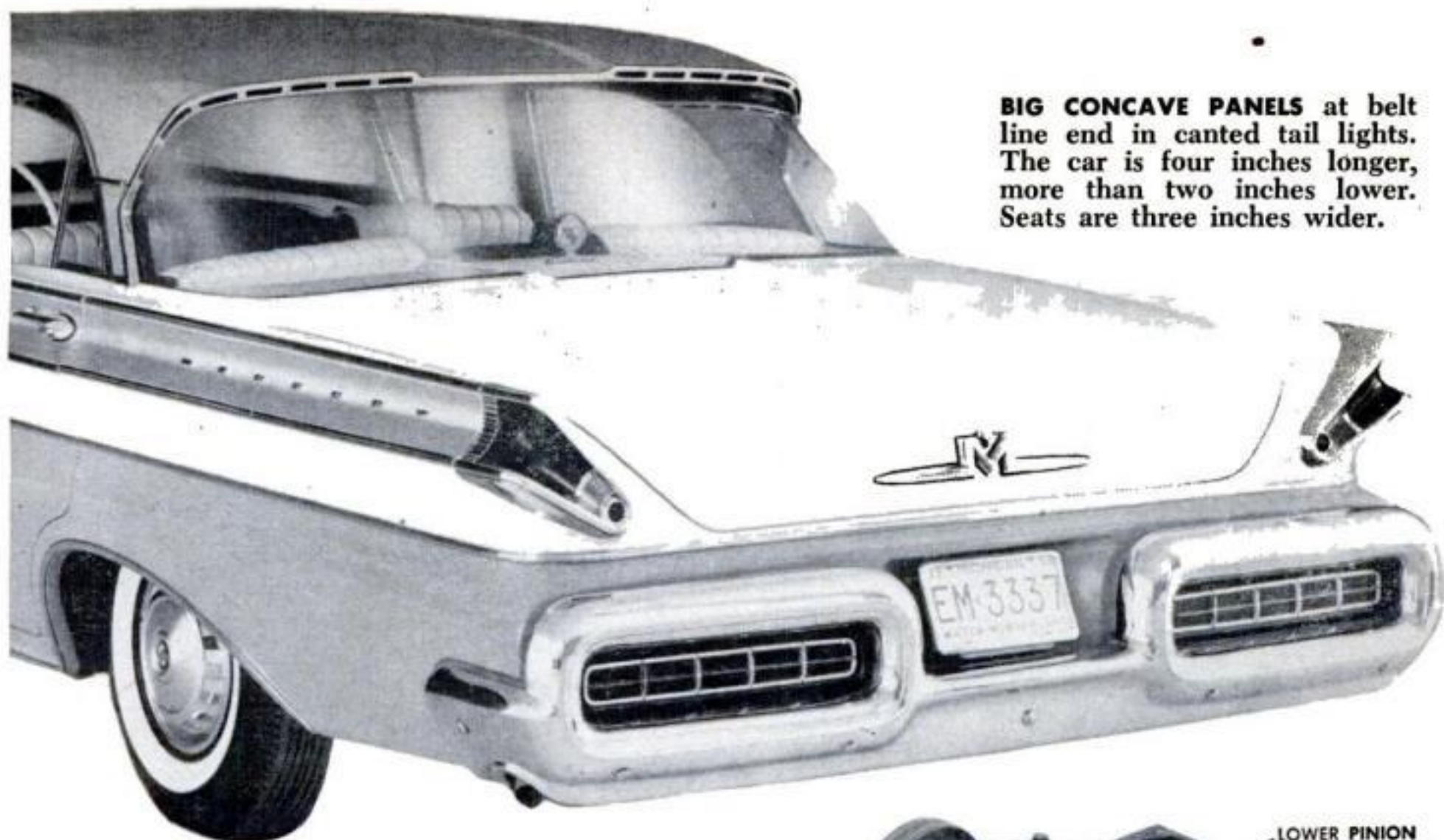


**CONCEALED CENTER PILLAR** on sedans gives them that hardtop look. Edges of the window frames cover the pillar when the doors are closed.

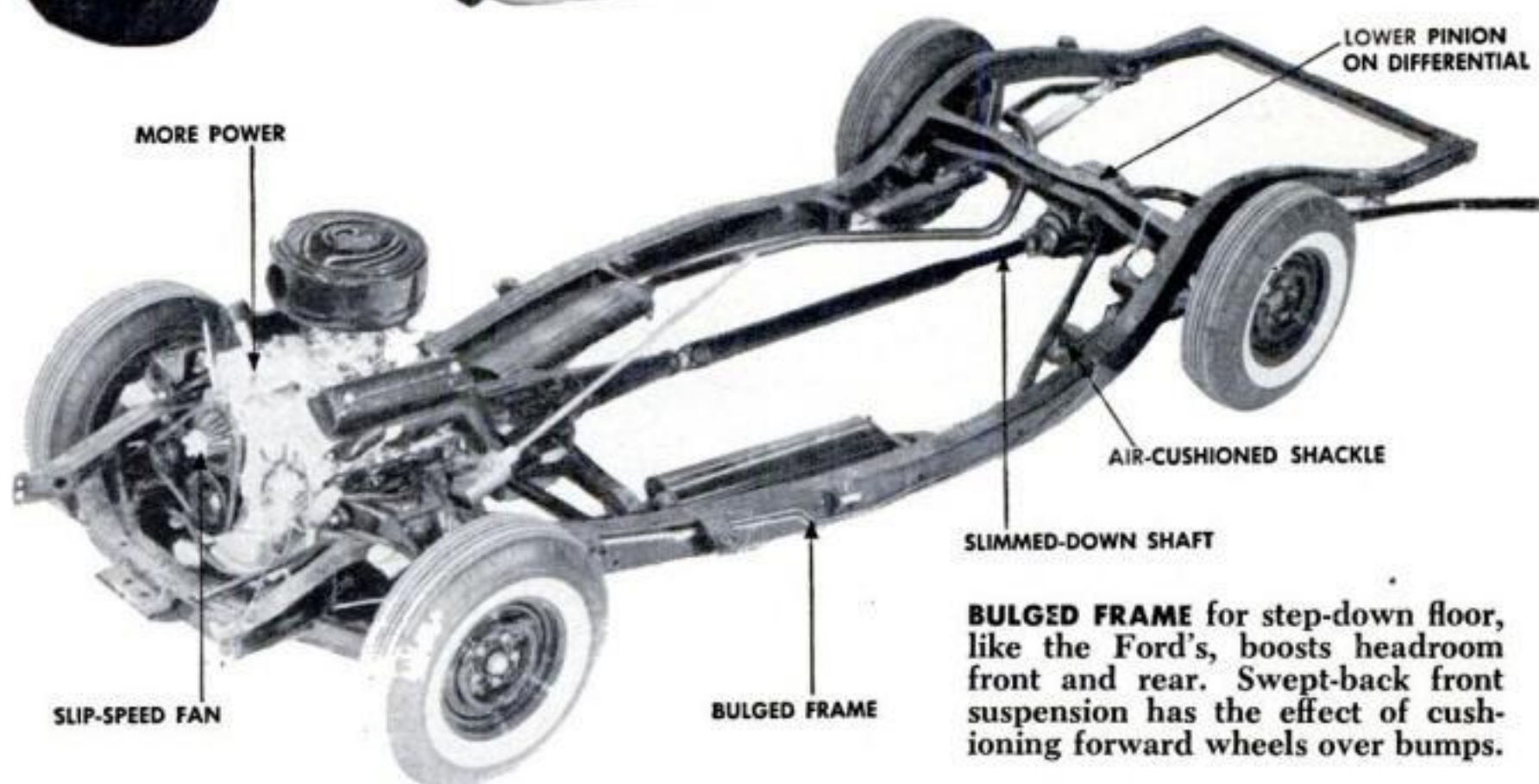
engine has been increased from 190 square inches to 212 on the 1957 cars. Mercs sporting the monstrous new 368-cubic-inch engine are supplied with 233 square inches of braking surface.

The smaller engine produces 255 horsepower at a compression ratio of 9.75:1, and the bigger one, no less than 290 horsepower at 9.75:1. The Mercury's most luscious power offering in 1956 was 235 horses. Also under the hood is an item borrowed from the sister Lincoln—a thermostatically operated air duct for the carburetor. If the engine is warm, air comes from outside the engine com-





**BIG CONCAVE PANELS** at belt line end in canted tail lights. The car is four inches longer, more than two inches lower. Seats are three inches wider.



partment. If it's cold, it comes from inside. Result: a fast, no-stall warmup in winter, more power on hot days.

A surprise awaits the man who slips into the driver's seat for the first time. Gear selection on the automatic transmission is by push button. Merc calls it Keyboard Control.

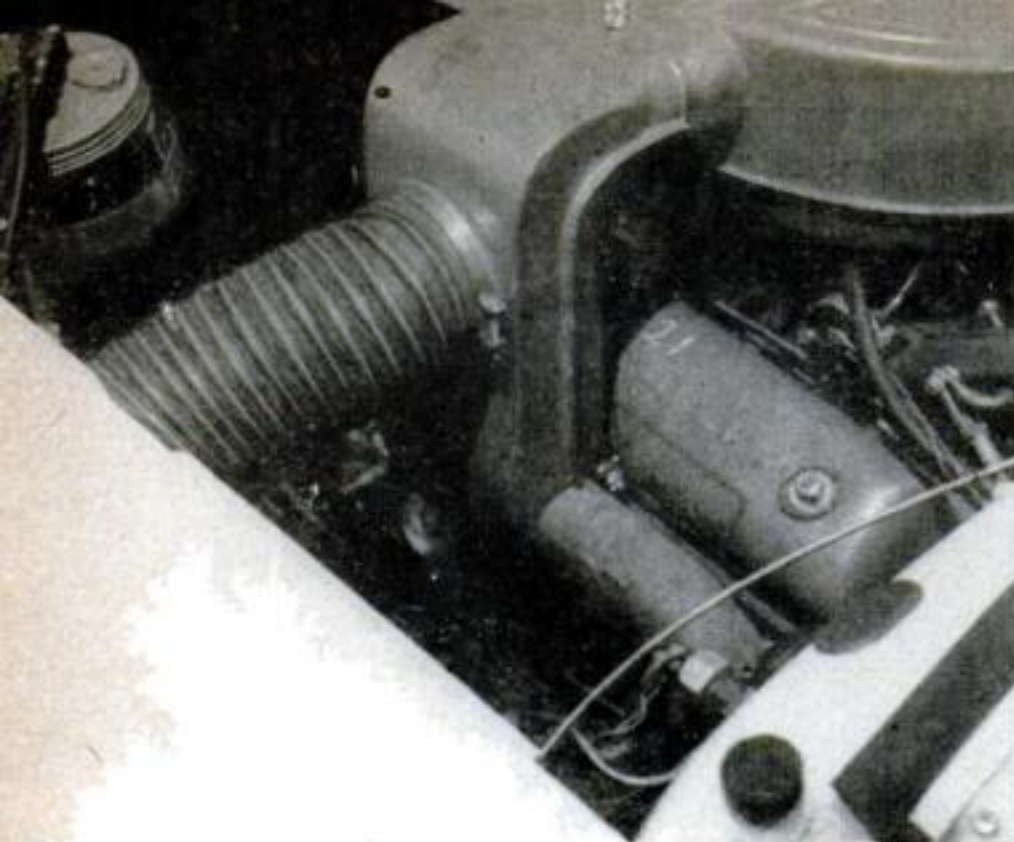
**To start the engine**, you turn the ignition key and *then* push a Neutral-Start button. That not only starts the engine but cancels out whatever was on the keyboard before.

A push button on the keyboard releases the foot-applied emergency brake.

A push-pull bar integral with the keyboard engages or releases the transmission brake. A sensing device prevents engagement of the reverse button above ten miles an hour. The remaining two buttons are just plain, old Drive and Low.

Two items to shush vibration and noise come with some of the new Mercurys. One is a new kind of front shackle for the rear springs. Those springs and the rear axle carry all the acceleration and braking reactions on cars with Hotchkiss—as opposed to torque tube—drives. Mercury engineers say that four-fifths of all the vibrations in the rear suspen-





**CARBURETOR AIR** automatically is either warmed by manifold or drawn fresh from outside, in accordance with engine needs. Thermostatic control does trick. Carburetor has dual bowls.



**AIR-CUSHIONED SHACKLE** looks like a cookie can. It "softens" attachment of the forward end of the rear spring to the frame, thus absorbs rear-spring vibration before it gets to the body.

sion are transmitted to the car through the front ends of the rear springs.

**An air cushion**, a sort of little rubber tire between the car frame and the front spring eye, is their answer. It's built into station wagons and all Monterey and Montclair models except convertibles equipped with the 368-cubic-inch engine.

The other item is an optional variable-speed fan with an oil clutch to reduce engine-compartment noise and boost power. When the car is scurrying along at a speed calling for an engine r.p.m. of

anything above 2,600, the clutch keeps the fan r.p.m. down to that figure or below. The rest of the cooling is done with ram air. At lower car speeds, the fan will turn at as little as 1,500 r.p.m. or less, if no cooling is required. Mercury says the system saves as much as 17 horsepower of the engine output.

**All the changes** in the Mercury point to one thing—this Ford division is grim on the point of providing back-talk to Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac in 1957.

At Mercury there's a chap named George Muller, executive engineer. Under the direction of Harold C. MacDonald, director of car engineering, Muller decided to pull a gamble.

**The longer a car was a-borning**, he knew, the easier it was for competitive companies to collect precious information about it. It usually required nine to 10 months, from the time a handmade prototype was delivered to the "cut-off date"—the point of no return, where the design was finally frozen in the dies, jigs and tools.

So the prototype 1957 Mercury was not turned over to production engineering until last spring. Muller promptly put two shifts of engineers to work. Before the first of summer's mosquitoes began drawing blood, he was ready for production—in half the time that's usually required.—*Devon Francis.*



**CLOTH HARNESS** for moppets, distributing pressure of the seat belt, when braking, over the entire chest and abdomen, is an option. An added advantage: a child can't unlatch it.



**How it works:**

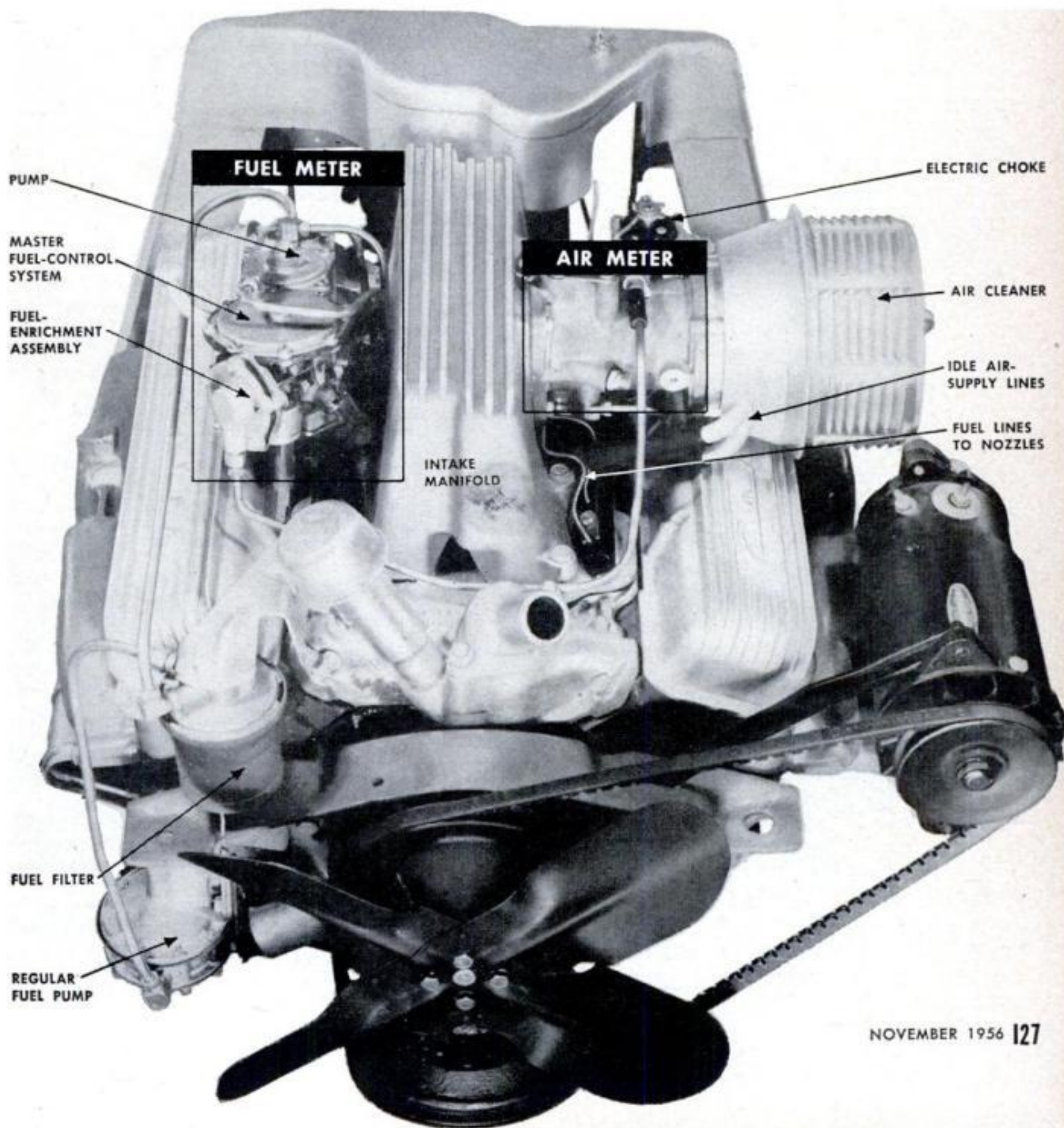
# Chevrolet's New Fuel Injection

**Nozzles and a "tent" replace carb in the first system of its kind for U. S. passenger cars.**

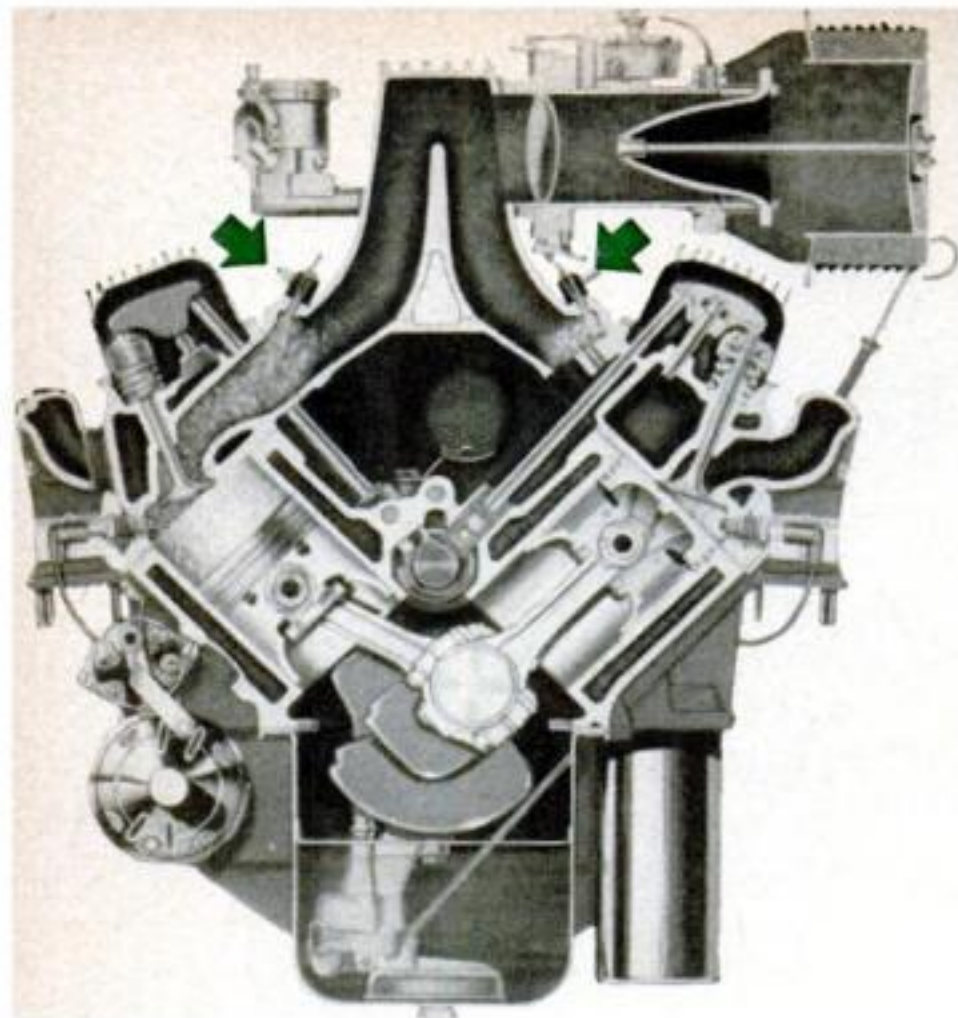
**A** FUEL-INJECTION system in place of a carburetor—the first of its kind on U. S. passenger cars—was announced last month by Chevrolet as an option for 1957. Another first: Fitted to

one new Chevy engine, it produces one horsepower per cubic inch of displacement—283 horsepower from a 283-inch power plant.

Fueling is by constant-flow instead of by metered pulse flow as in the American Bosch system (PS, Feb. '56, p. 140). The fuel sprays from nozzles at each cylinder and is mixed with the air just ahead of







## Fuel-injection control depends on engine vacuum

### ROAD-LOAD CONDITION

Main vacuum-control line measures air flow to cylinders. By regulating position of a diaphragm which raises or lowers a plunger in fueling circuit, it determines flow of gas to atomizing nozzles (arrows in engine cutaway, left). Plunger is a two-way faucet, controlling, according to amount of intake air flow, both amount of fuel fed to cylinder and amount returned to reservoir as excess. Air picks up vaporized fuel as it passes .011-inch nozzles in front of intake valves. High-pressure fuel pump, driven by flexible cable off distributor, always supplies an excess of gas, creates pressure up to 200 pounds per square inch in the fuel lines.

the intake valves. This version is considerably simpler than pulse flow. It has no reciprocating parts. There are, in fact, only four essentials—a pump to maintain fuel pressure, a valve supplying fuel in proper proportion to the air flow, a control system working off intake air vacuum, and the fuel atomizers for the cylinders.

A **metal tent** for incoming air sits on top of the engine as a substitute for a conventional intake manifold.

The air-fuel mixture is set for a road load (part throttle) condition, as near to the ideal of 15 parts of air to one part of fuel, by weight, as possible. Special devices take care of starting the engine when cold, enriching the mixture for acceleration, and idling and coasting.

As in the pulse fuel-injection system, pressing the accelerator valves only air to the engine. The control system automatically meters gasoline flow to suit.

Chevrolet claims several advantages for its fuel injection as compared with conventional carburetion:

- It is not subject to vapor lock or icing.
- A cold engine starts smoothly.
- Each cylinder gets the same fuel-air diet—no engine stutter or buck.
- Fuel injection gives better fuel economy, with “noticeable” savings in gas above 30 m.p.h.—*Devon Francis*.

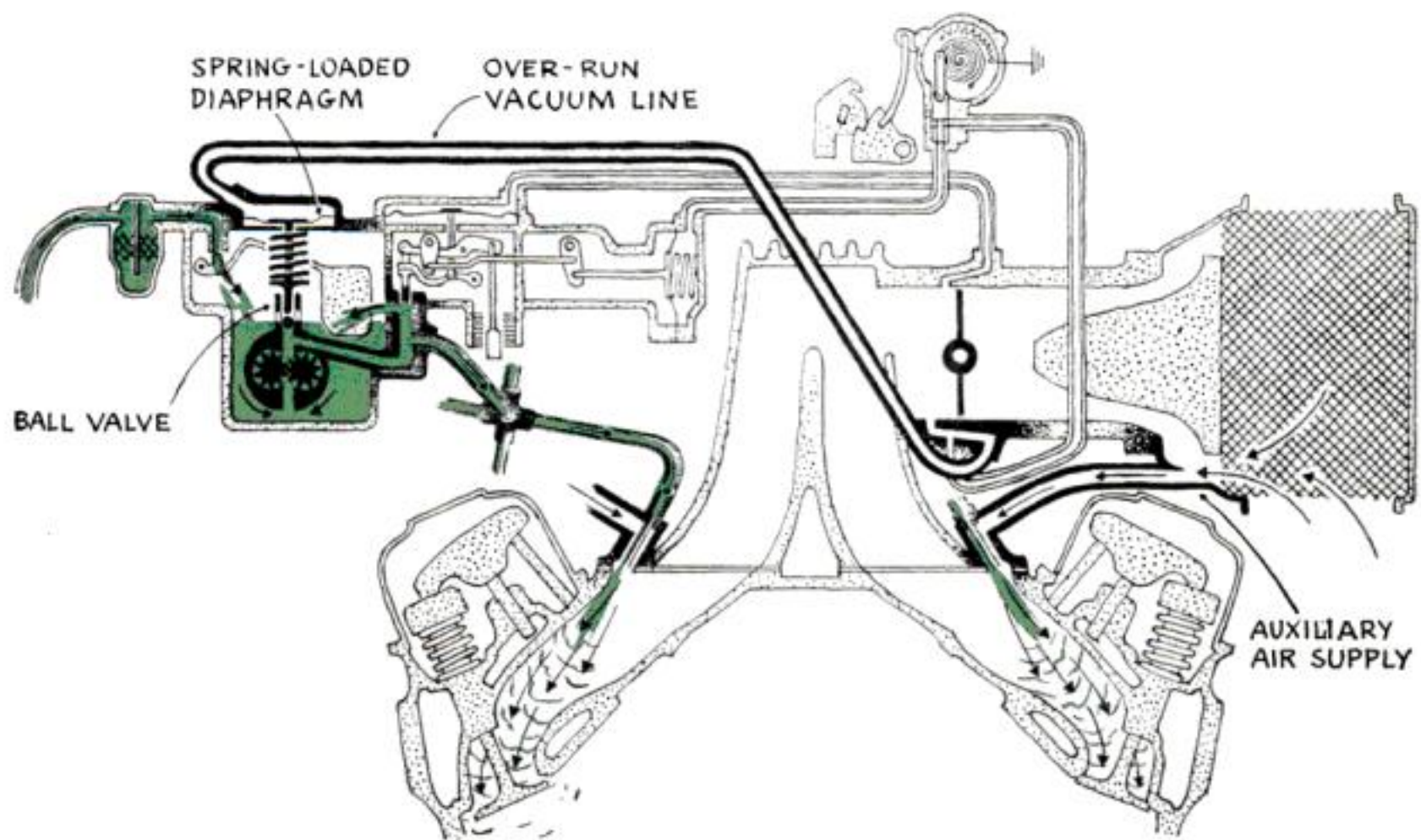
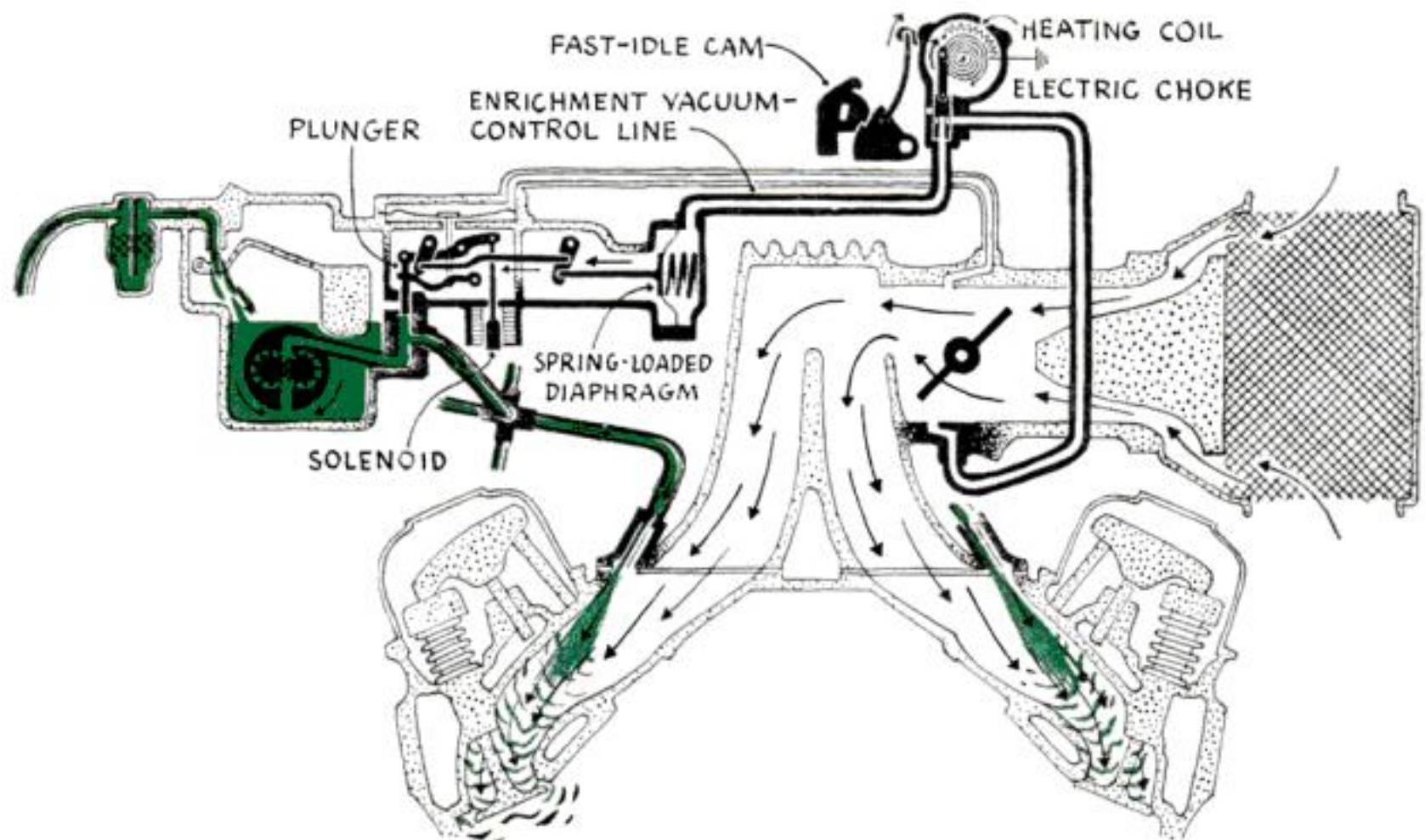
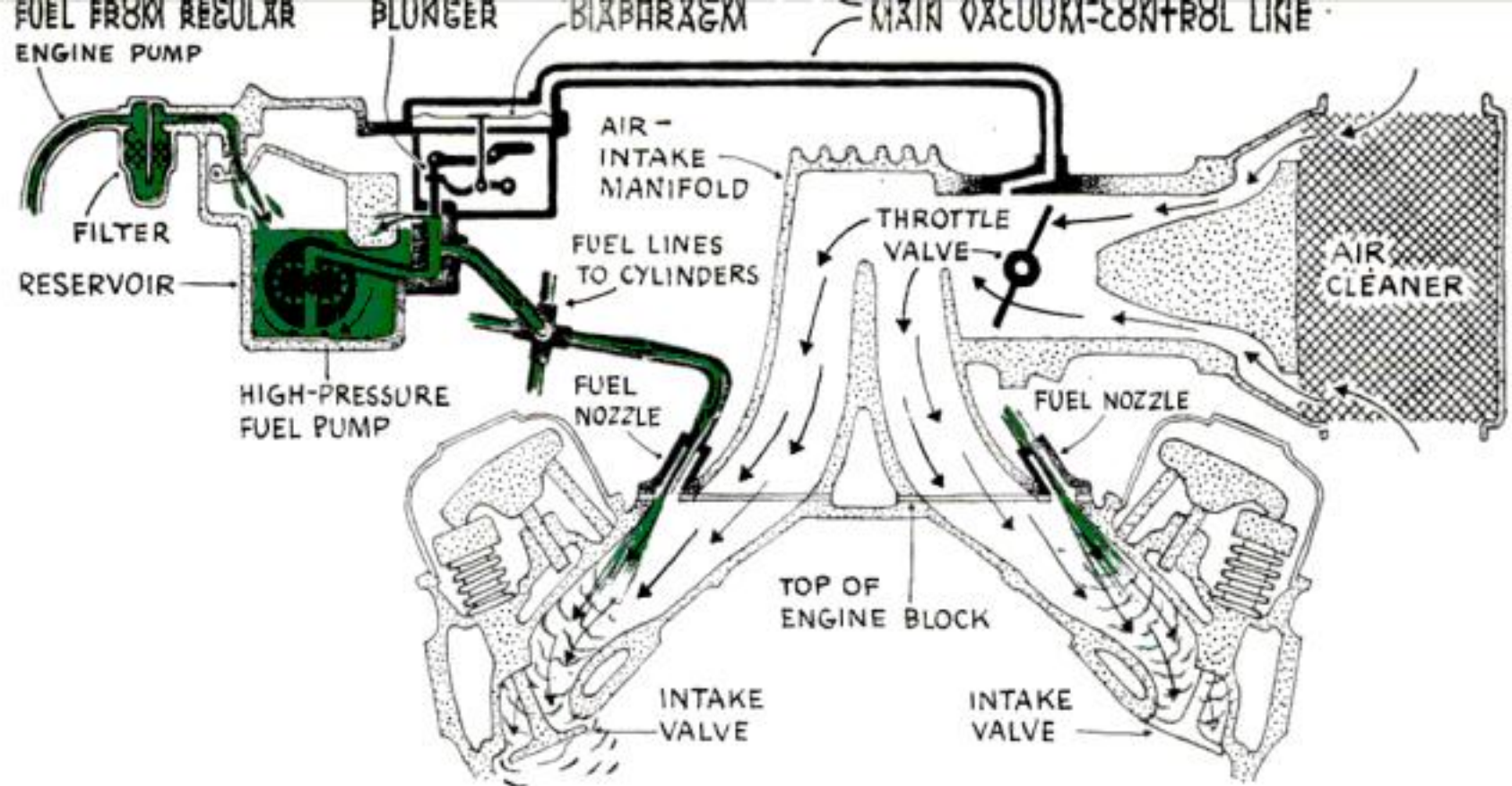
### STARTING AND ACCELERATION

Enrichment vacuum-control line is added to provide richer mixture for starting cold engine and for acceleration. In starting, solenoid wired to starter switch throws lever depressing plunger. This reduces flow of excess fuel back to reservoir and increases flow to cylinders. Release of starter switch de-energizes solenoid. To keep mixture rich until engine warms up, electric choke is provided. Bimetal spring closes valve, shutting off vacuum in line to second diaphragm. This releases a spring which, by lever action, continues to depress plunger. As engine warms, electric heating coil causes bimetal spring to open vacuum line and lean out mixture. Lever on choke operates a fast-idle cam to hold throttle valve open and admit extra air. In accelerating, low vacuum in same line causes same diaphragm to richen mixture.

### COASTING AND IDLING

Over-run vacuum line is added, along with auxiliary air supply, for coasting and idling. When throttle is closed for coasting, a third diaphragm comes into play. At high vacuum, it pulls up a ball valve, a sort of cork in top of fuel reservoir, so pump submerged in it cannot build up any pressure to fuel lines. This cuts off all gas to cylinders. In idling condition, auxiliary air, piped from in front of throttle valve, is fed to each fuel nozzle. Otherwise, engine vacuum would tend to draw gas into cylinders without enough air to burn it, and engine would die. Air from this line enters nozzle itself, making it a tiny, temporary carburetor.









**JET-AGE "GOOSE,"** with twice as much horsepower as its parent, will look like this when it comes off the line, in February.

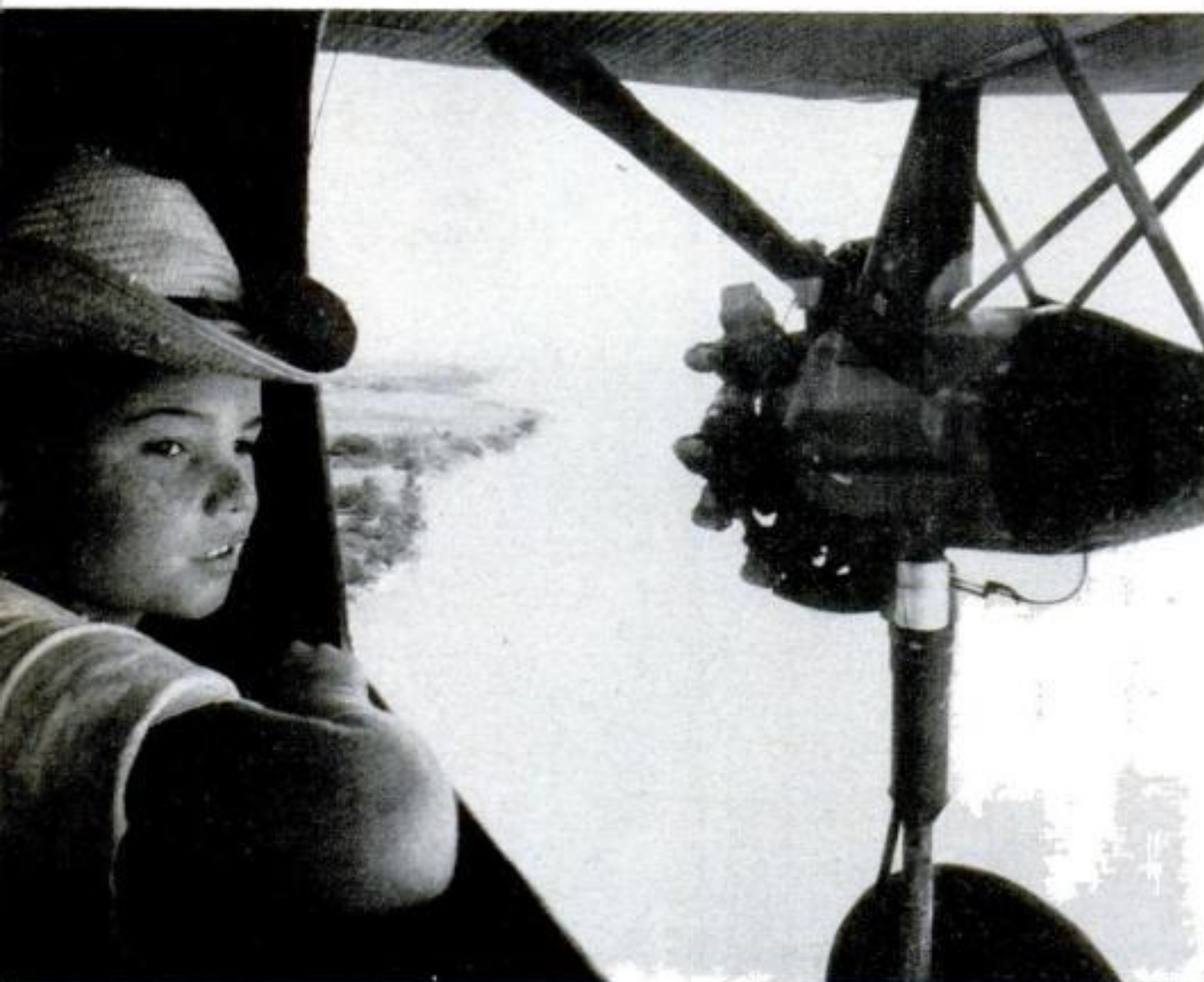
# The 'Tin Goose' Is Flying Back

**By Joseph Dorlaque**

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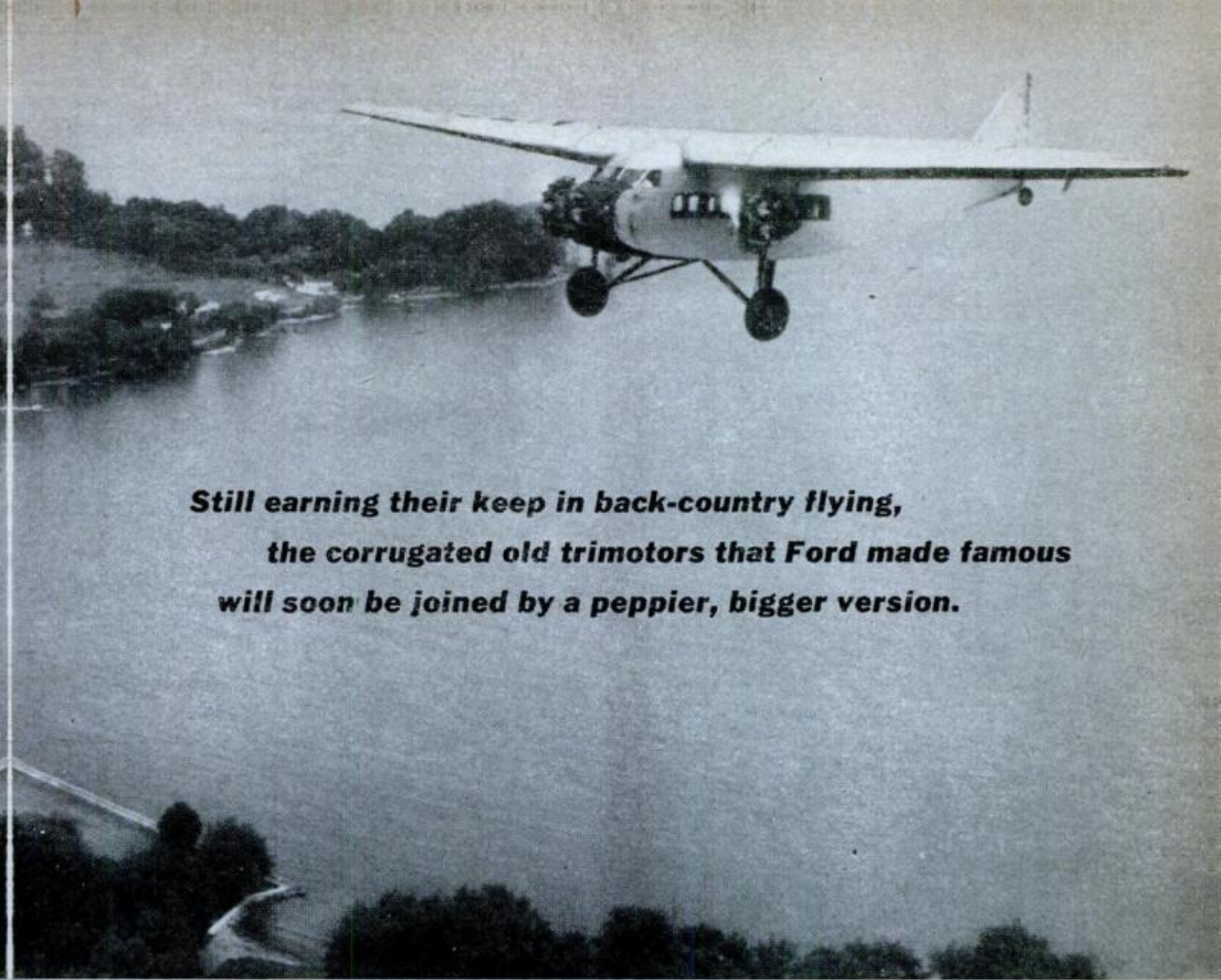


**STARTING A DAY'S WORK,** a 28-year-old Ford transport lumbers past the tall monument (above) that is the weather yardstick by which Sky Tours pilots gauge visibility and ceiling when they begin their regular 16-mile round of Lake Erie island airports.



**SUPERIOR VISIBILITY** from the high-winged Tin Goose (left) was one reason why Admiral Byrd chose it in 1929 for his aerial exploration of the Antarctic. It also helps to explain why the venerable trimotor has made such an enviable safety record.





***Still earning their keep in back-country flying,  
the corrugated old trimotors that Ford made famous  
will soon be joined by a peppier, bigger version.***

**T**HEY'RE going to resurrect the "Tin Goose"—the ancient Ford trimotor plane that first took to the air back about 1925, when Charles A. Lindbergh was just an unknown flying officer.

The Hayden Aircraft Corp., in Bellflower, Calif., plans to start production in February on a modernized version of that corrugated-aluminum wonder of the airways, sometimes called the "flying washboard."

The new trimotors will have improvements. But they are being designed from the original blueprints, stored in the Ford archives at Dearborn, Mich., for the past 23 years.

The trusty Tin Goose never wholly retired. Ford made 196 of them, and about 30 are still flying commercially. Its slowness and simplicity, quick lift

and ponderous payloads, plus its extraordinary safety record, make the Goose a popular plane for short-haul and low-altitude work in remote regions from Alaska to Southern Rhodesia.

To see how this indestructible old clunker has survived in the jet age, you

**"YOU HAVE TO FLY THEM ALL THE TIME,"** a pilot of the trimotors commented as he pointed out the controls. "There aren't any trim tabs that you can set and then sit back and relax."







Trimotor lands and takes off in a third the space a DC-3 needs and on a crude Ohio field.

couldn't do better than to visit the busy, venerable airline serving the Sandusky Bay area of northern Ohio. This outfit, called Sky Tours, Inc., uses the flying tin lizzies on most of its regular runs. In 26 years of operation, the line says, it has never injured a passenger.

"For our purposes, it's the best airplane ever made," says Ralph Dietrick, head man at Sky Tours—the "world's shortest airline."

Sky Tours is an air-ferry and charter service that operates out of Sandusky and Port Clinton, Ohio, making short flights to five popular resort islands in Lake Erie between Cleveland and Toledo. Two of the Ford planes and an aged Boeing twin-engine job are its star performers.

**A mile from the airport** at Put In Bay, on South Bass Island, stands a 352-foot granite monument that serves as a weather-observation system.

"If we can see it, we've got visibility enough to operate," says Dietrick. "If we can see its top, we've got enough ceiling."

The pilots wear T-shirts and any old slacks, and riders hail them by their first names. Passengers move over to make room for freight. In past years the Fords have hauled chicks, crates of livestock feed, reels of barbed wire and even livestock, right along with their human cargo. Dogs, fish, game, groceries

and coffins are still routine shipments.

The air service started in 1930 with a mail contract. At first it used open-cockpit planes, like the Waco and Gates Day Standard. In 1935, as passenger and cargo business grew, it bought, secondhand, the two Fords still in daily service. The records are lost and nobody remembers how many hours these Fords had worked before 1935. But they've been putting in 500 to 600 hours a year ever since, Dietrick estimates.

Sky Tours sometimes finds 100 to 300 passengers waiting for a scheduled Ford flight that seats only 15, including the pilot. Then reserve pilots and planes are called out. The company carried a total of about 40,000 persons last year.

Other planes in the fleet are the 15-place Boeing 247D, and eight four- and five-place Cessnas. Only three of the line's 10 pilots are "checked out" in the Fords. Some of the others ride 'em as passengers for fun on days off.

**It's hard work** flying the Tin Goose, but one of the things that endears it to its owners is the way it performs on the rough, cow-pasture landing fields of the islands. Lumbering and clacking mightily over the bumps with its gross load of five tons, it takes off or lands at 55 miles an hour in 500 to 600 feet. Its top speed is a vibrant 110.

"There's a smooth place on down the field here somewhere," Dietrick said with



a grin the other day as he bounced one of his planes in on a lumpy field of grass on Pelee Island. He tugged the hand brake and played the throttles to head her toward the frame terminal building. "They use this part for baseball, too," he remarked a minute later. "We're crossing short right field."

**Mud and slush** don't bother the Tin Goose. It'll take off or land in two feet of snow, Dietrick says. Last winter, when major airlines were canceling flights to Ohio's major cities, Sky Tour's Fords went right on island-hopping, chugging along under the overcast at 85 to 90, their sedate cruising speed.

"Many's the time, though, on the ground in a stiff wind," said Dietrick, "that we've cussed that hand brake—when we needed all the fingers and toes we could find to hold her tail down, to handle three throttles, keep her headed right and brake the wheels, all at the same time. It takes some fancy rassling to get the job done."

**Loading the Tin Goose** is easy (but watch your head!), and it doesn't need much fixing.

"Oh, sometimes we have to scrounge around for parts or even make a part, but it isn't hard to keep 'em flying," said a Sky Tours mechanic. "No reason why they shouldn't be good for another 25 years."

The Fords have worn out many a 235-hp. engine ferrying people and packing the mail and groceries. They make stops like milkmen—20 or more daily.

Tourists, hunters and fishermen by the thousand visit the wooded island playgrounds that the trimotors serve, summer and winter. About 818 people live there all the time. The air service is their only year-round contact with the mainland. They depend on it to bring fuel, milk and newspapers, to take the kids to school, and for fast help in emergencies. You can phone for a plane any time.

The islanders think no more about riding the Fords than you do of boarding a bus. One day the nose engine twisted off one of the planes and splashed into

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**IT'S AN AERIAL BUS** for most passengers, but the aged transport plays heroic roles, too. Many's the time, in early-morning hours, that it has rushed islanders to mainland hospitals.



**MAINTENANCE** is made easier by such primitive Tin Goose features as fixed props and landing gear. Sky Tours, Inc., changes each of these 235-hp. Wright Whirlwind engines once a year.



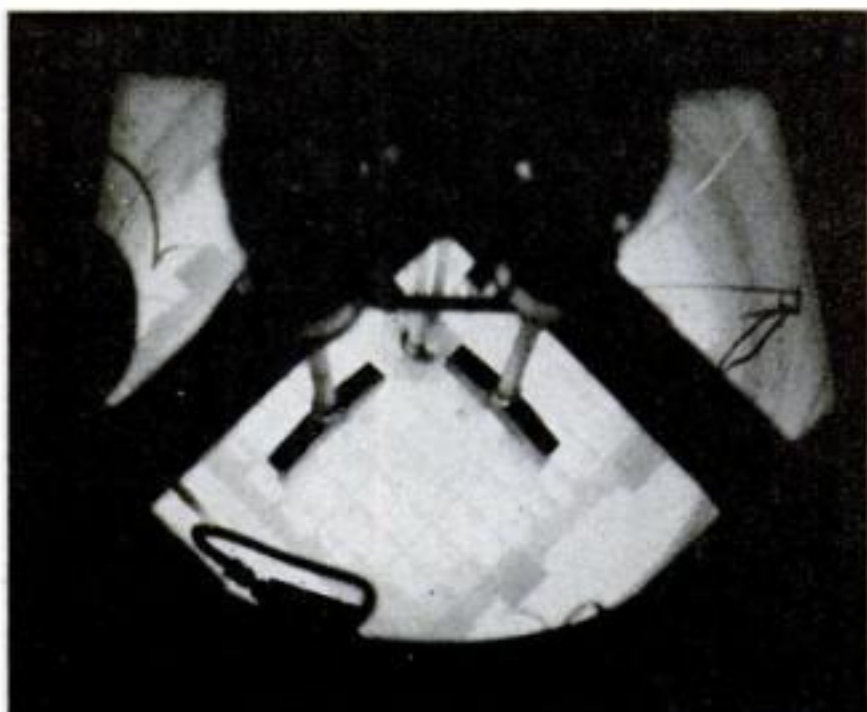
**PILOTS HELP LOAD** and unload mail and a wide range of freight, handle baggage and collect fares—\$1.50 to \$4 for scheduled one-way trips—in addition to riding herd on the planes.



# How Safe Are Our A-Power Plants?

**Experts bare the weird hazards of nuclear-electric stations, and tell of the measures being taken to protect you.**

**By Alden P. Armagnac**



**BLAZING WITH BLUE LIGHT**, four-foot-diameter experimental reactor hits power peak exceeding 500,000 kilowatts without going out of control, in newest AEC program of safety trials.

**W**ILL an atomic power plant make a desirable neighbor—or will it endanger you and your property? With seven full-scale nuclear powerhouses building or projected, people in many a community will soon be asking that question.

In some of the frankest official statements to date, the Atomic Energy Commission and its advisers now reveal the inside facts about A-power hazards.

We're entering an era, they say, of high-powered nuclear reactors. Unlike earlier atomic plants, "quarantined" in remote unpopulated places, these powerful new reactors will be relatively near cities to supply them with electricity.

Without proper precautions for the public's safety, here might be the makings of an appalling accident. That's why designers are bending over backward to surround the new A-power stations with more-than-ample safeguards—like the huge and picturesque steel globes, domes, and tanks that seal off power reactors from the outside world.

**R**ECENT hearings on the problems of insuring atomic-electric plants gave the man in the street a hair-raising introduction to their potential hazards. A single major A-power disaster conceivably could result in casualties and property loss totaling a staggering \$500,000-000 in damages, Congress was told.



**SPECTACULAR TEST** succeeds in tricking Borax I reactor into running away. As spring-ejected control rod flies out, reactor emits flash of nuclear light, and gray smoke issues from top.



Dr. C. Rogers McCullough, chairman of the AEC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, minces no words in explaining why. An A-power plant can be roughly compared, he says, to a factory making virulent poisons and explosives under the same roof.

Weight for weight, he estimates, the fission products formed in every nuclear reactor are 1,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 times as toxic as any other poison known to industry. These radioactive "ashes" accumulate in reactors' fuel elements. The amount produced daily is almost in direct proportion to a reactor's power.

The longer it runs, the more it stores. A high-powered reactor may hold hundreds of pounds of fission products, equivalent to hundreds of tons of radium.

Their escape into the open air would imperil people for miles around. Externally their gamma rays are deadly. And some are extra-dangerous if breathed or swallowed, in dust or spray. Bone-seeking radio-strontium and thyroid-seeking radio-iodine concentrate in those organs and attack them with radiation at point-blank range. So the prime concern of A-power safeguards is to prevent an accident from loosing the dangerous fission products.

Most to be guarded against is a reactor "runaway," the fierce eruption of heat energy from an out-of-control reactor.

Now, a runaway reactor can't possibly



**RUNAWAY-PROOF REACTOR** would be major advance in safety. Seeking one, researchers test promising Borax I design. By ejecting a geyser of water, as above, it stops a runaway reaction.

blow up like an atom bomb. There may be a mild explosion, forceful enough to send pieces flying. Fire, or violent chemical reactions, are possible complications. Or a reactor's innards may just turn to a molten blob. In any case, the fission products are the real peril.

**F**IRST line of defense against their escape is the metal shielding of the uranium fuel elements. It will be breached if a reactor runaway melts or vaporizes the elements, releasing the fission prod-

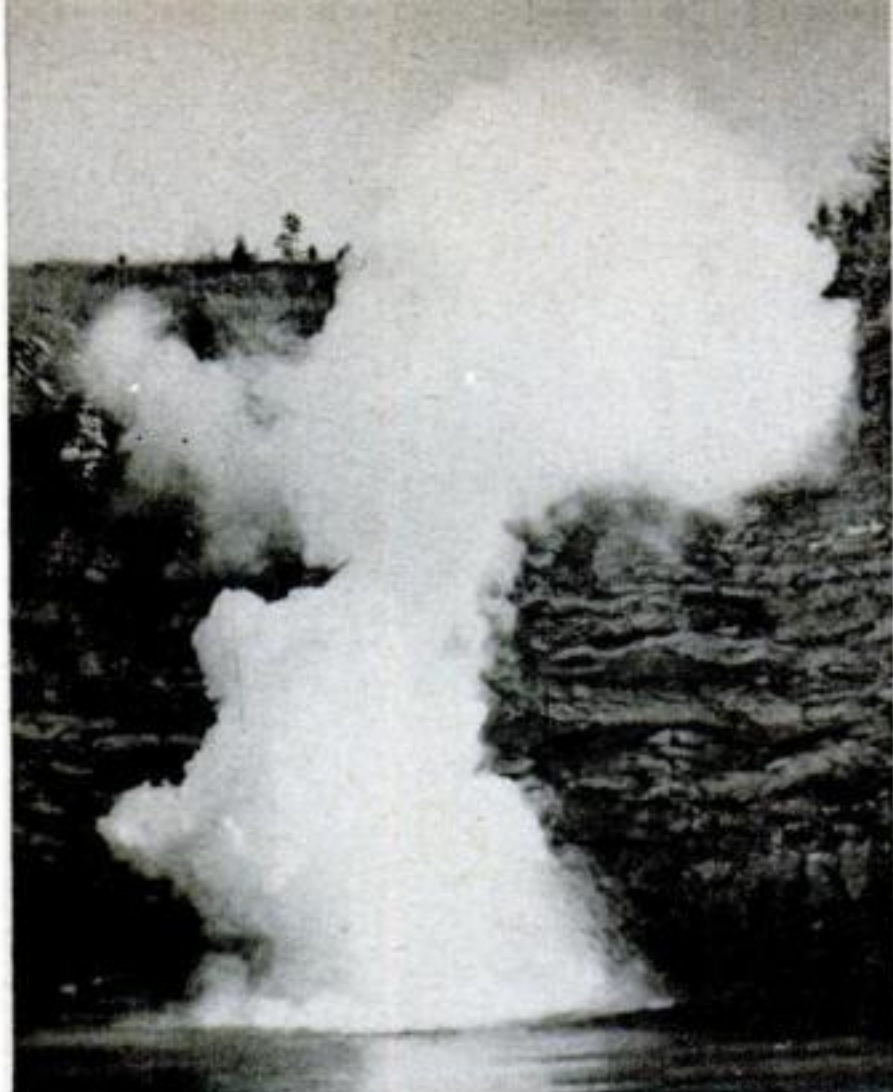


**A SPLIT-SECOND LATER**, high-speed movies catch growing smoke cloud, which rises to height of 80 feet. Hurtling up through it are fragments of burning uranium-aluminum fuel plates.

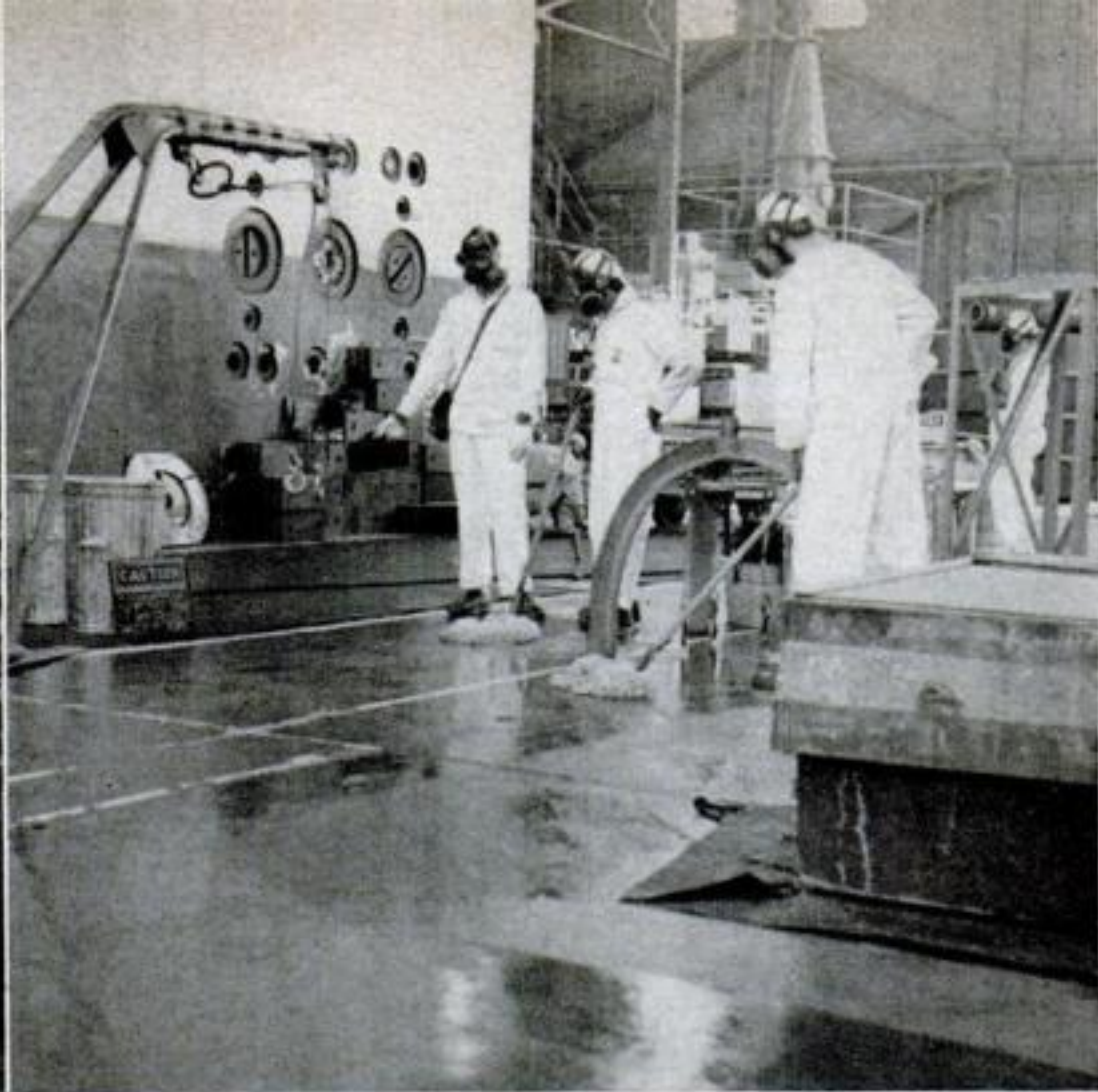


**LARGE PIECE OF DEBRIS** sails through air at height of explosion. But a runaway reactor can't blow up like an atom bomb, and this blast compares to that of only a few pounds of TNT.





**SAFE DISPOSAL** of waste sodium, in water-filled quarry, shows explosive reaction of this reactor-cooling agent with water—and warns of the hazard of using water to fight a sodium fire.



**RUNAWAY CANADIAN REACTOR**, in background, made history's worst radioactive mess by losing a million gallons of contaminated water. Cleaning it up took these masked workers a year.

ucts in the form of a radioactive cloud.

Runaways are possible because present-day reactors are so ticklish to control. No other machine is capable of such sudden and extreme bursts of energy. Withdraw the control rods only a shade too far, and the nuclear fire blazes up beyond control with frightening speed. Once a runaway starts, no human being can react fast enough to stop it.

**SO REACTORS** have quick-acting safety mechanisms, to take control out of an operator's hands in an emergency and slam the control rods home. And if the safety devices should fail? That's when the operator sounds the evacuation alarm.

Far from being melodramatic fancy, this has actually happened. Canada's 10,000-thermal-kilowatt reactor at Chalk River ran away, in 1952. Fuel rods and their aluminum jackets melted down. Fission products poured out. The reactor's cooling-water stream caught most of them, but the water itself gushed from the ruptured jackets and cascaded into the basement of the building. Before the flood could be stemmed, the basement held a 1,000,000-gallon pool, containing

fission products equivalent to 22 pounds of radium. Pumping out the deadly fluid to a distant burial ground, through an improvised pipeline, was the beginning of a herculean clean-up task that took a year. The runaway was officially ascribed to "a mechanical failure" in the control-rod system.

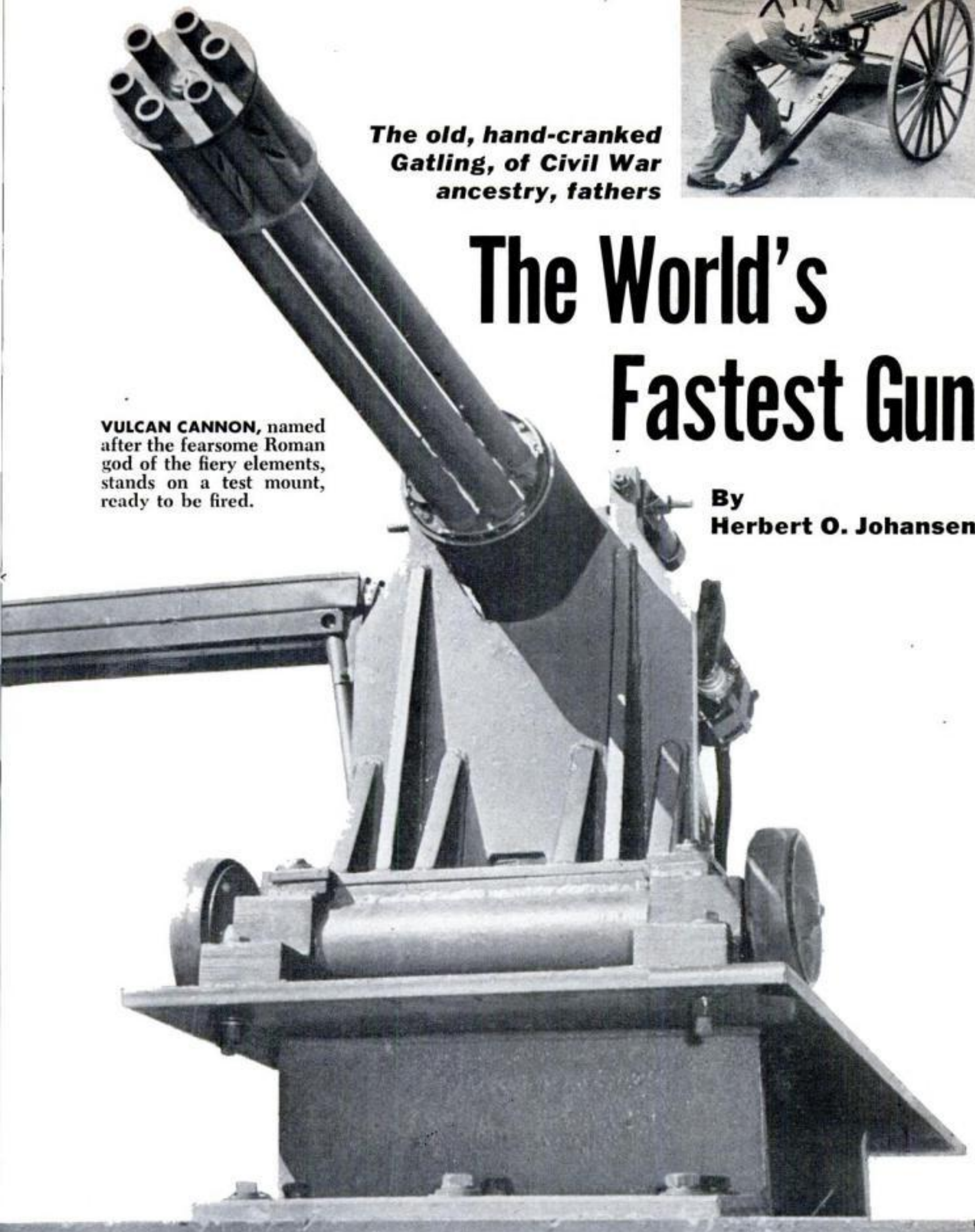
Our own 1,400-thermal-kilowatt Experimental Breeder Reactor in Idaho ran away late last year. To end a sharp power rise, a scientist told the operator to shut down the reactor "instantly," which meant pressing a fast-shutoff button. The operator misunderstood. He applied a slower-acting drive that inserted the control rods two seconds too late.

**I**N that brief time the reactor's power, doubling every 0.27 of a second, rose 170 times and overshot the safety point. There was no noise, explosion or fire—the reactor simply quit working, sure sign of a "meltdown." The building was immediately evacuated as a precaution. It turned out that only an insignificant amount of radioactivity escaped, though the reactor core was a fused wreck.

Fortunately no one was hurt in either

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**The old, hand-cranked  
Gatling, of Civil War  
ancestry, fathers**



**VULCAN CANNON**, named after the fearsome Roman god of the fiery elements, stands on a test mount, ready to be fired.

# The World's Fastest Gun

**By  
Herbert O. Johansen**

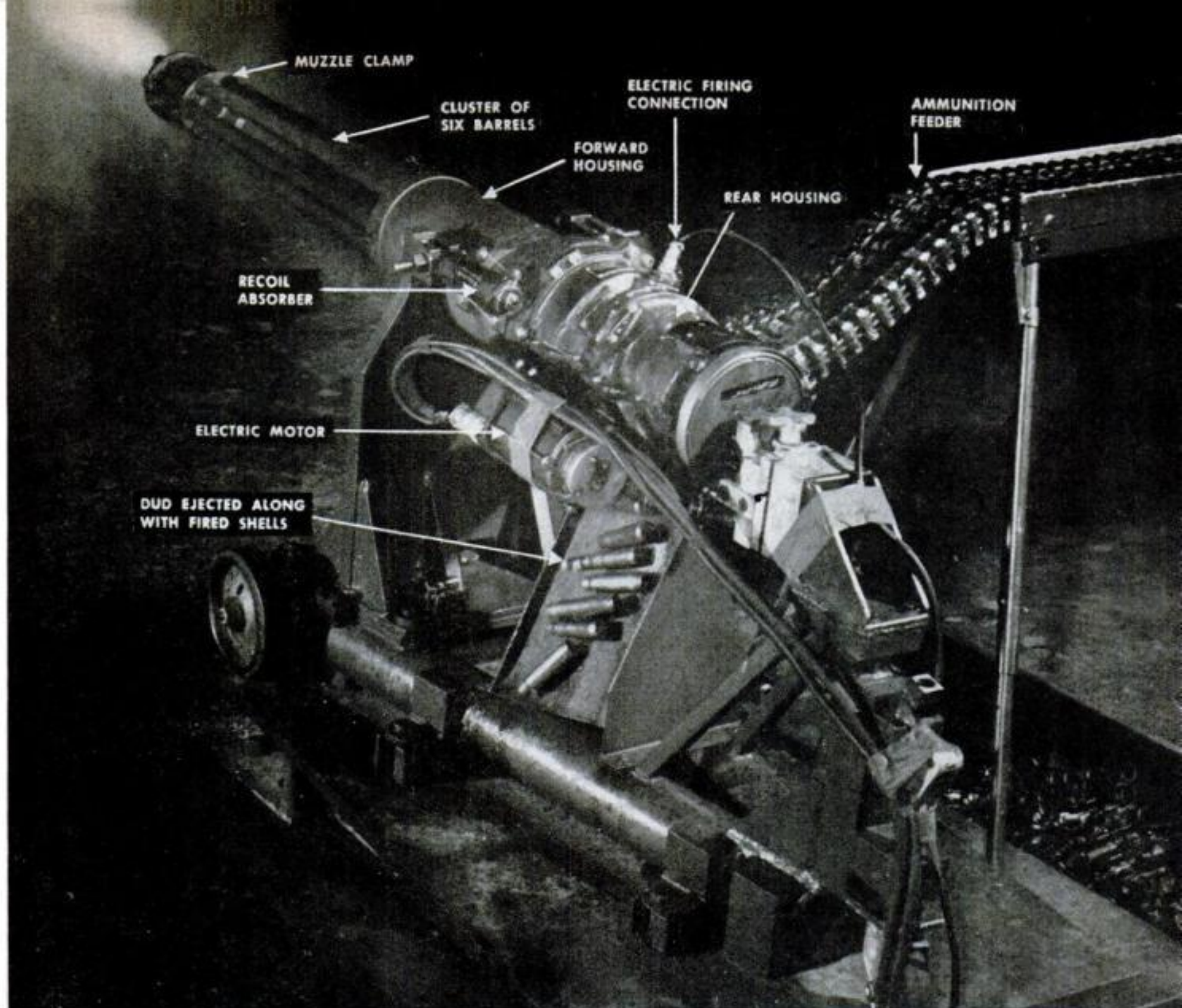
**PHOTOS BY W. W. MORRIS**

**O**UR newest supersonic jet fighters will be armed with a machine gun that was invented during the Civil War and was abandoned by our military around 1911 because *it fired too fast*.

Then it was not practical to haul enough ammunition for prolonged fire against slow-moving or stationary battlefield targets. Today, with jet speeds presenting split-second air-battle targets,

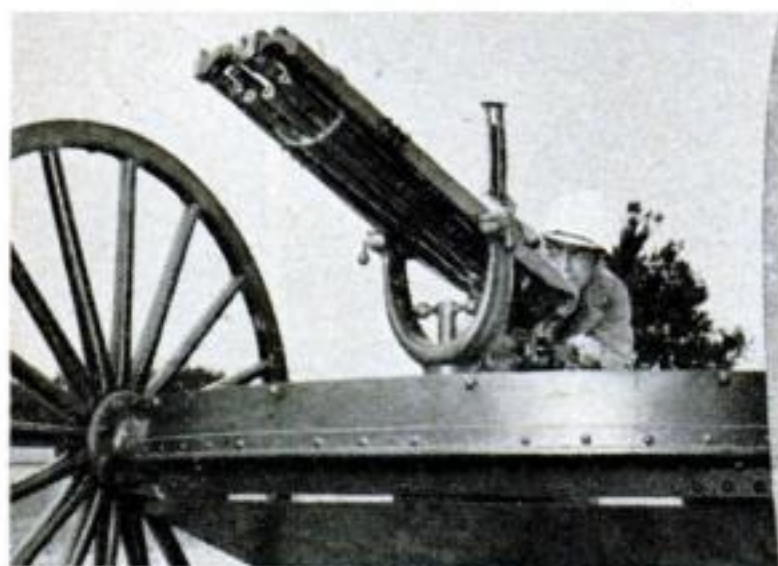
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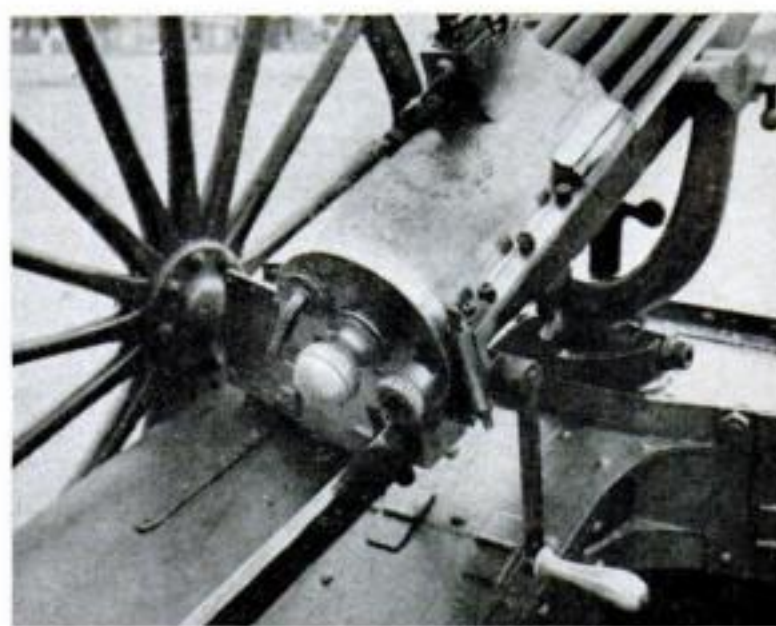


Strobe flash at 1/1,000 second shows seven shells ejected as gun fires several more rounds.

### ***Gatling: the machine gun that was too fast 94 years ago***



IN 1862 Dr. Richard J. Gatling received a patent that was to revolutionize firepower, and warfare, in the 19th century and into the 20th. A 1903



model of the multi-barrel, hand-cranked Gatling Gun, made by Colt's Patent Fire Arms Co., is shown above. It fired .30-caliber ball ammunition.



you have to throw lots of lead fast to make a kill.

The new Vulcan 20-millimeter aircraft cannon—which throws more than a ton of metal and explosive a minute—does just that, in much the same way as the famed, almost century-old Gatling gun. It has six rotating barrels in a cluster. It is not automatic. Instead of using the energy of its own discharge to operate the firing mechanism, as in most machine guns, it has an outside power source. In the original Gatling that power was the right arm of a soldier turning a crank. In the Vulcan it is electricity or hydraulic fluid. The electric version has a GE motor which, although only about the size of a car generator or a quart juice can, develops 25 horsepower.

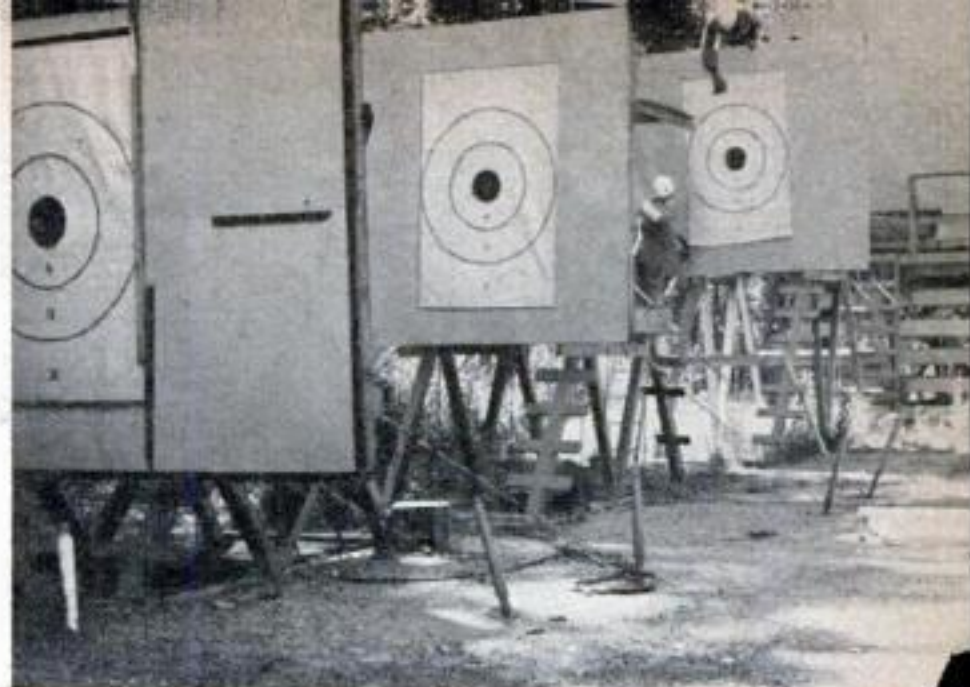
**Ordnance experts** at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland told me that the Vulcan is the world's fastest firing machine gun, but they would not reveal the exact rate of fire. I decided to be smart and find out for myself as the gun was firing. A 60-round burst was coming up. A warning whistle sounded. I fixed my eyes on the sweep-second hand of my wrist watch. A second whistle. Fire! A deafening noise and a blinding flash. I blinked. Before I could look at my watch again, it was all over.

How long did it take to fire 60 rounds? I timed it another way as the next 60 rounds were firing.

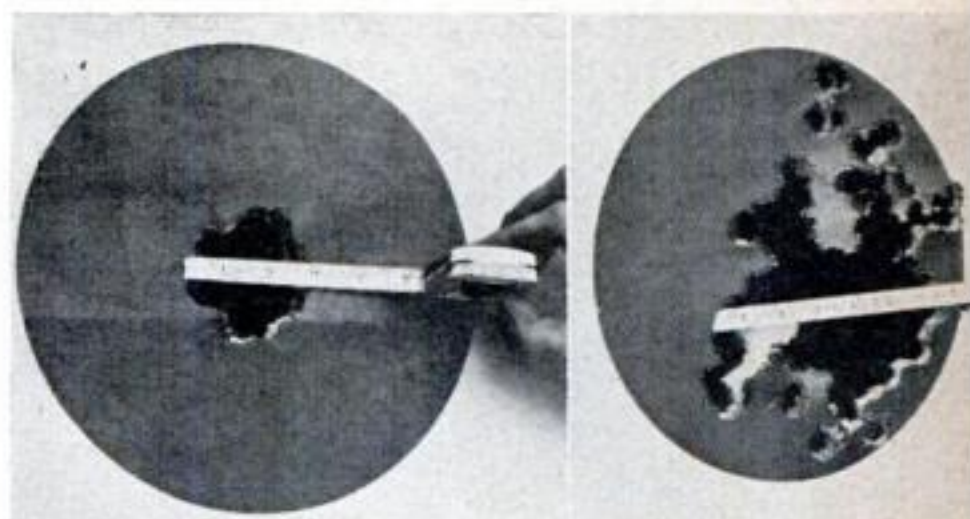
"Brrrp," I mouthed. That was it. Definitely split-second. There had been no individual, staccato "ra-ta-ta's" of each round as with other machine guns. The roar was continuous—like the sound of stout canvas being ripped, amplified a thousand times.

**The actual rate of fire** of the Vulcan is secret. But since the main objective in its design was speed, one may safely surmise that it is faster than an electrically driven Navy Gatling that spewed at a rate of 5,000 rounds a minute in 1895.

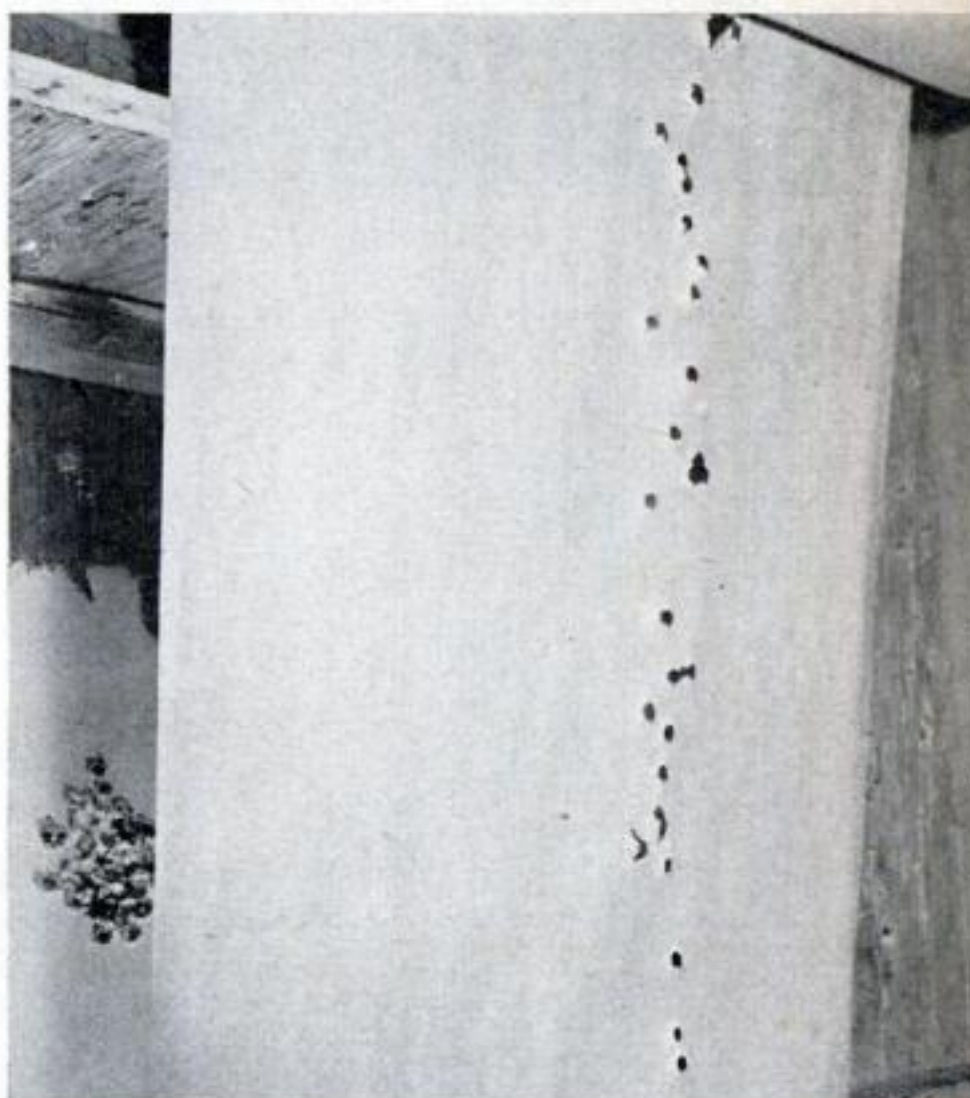
Eye-witness estimates vary from a low 4,000 to an incredible 18,000 rounds a minute. I would put it somewhere in between. The rate of fire can be varied, and it has been announced that the Vul-



**BULL'S-EYE TARGETS** are mounted on screens of an Aberdeen Proving Ground machine-gun test range. Electric eyes will record the bullet velocity and rate of fire as the Vulcan shoots.



**DISPERSION PATTERNS** of a 60-round burst are measured. At left above is shown target nearest the gun, at right farthest one away. Study of the patterns helps evaluate gun performance.

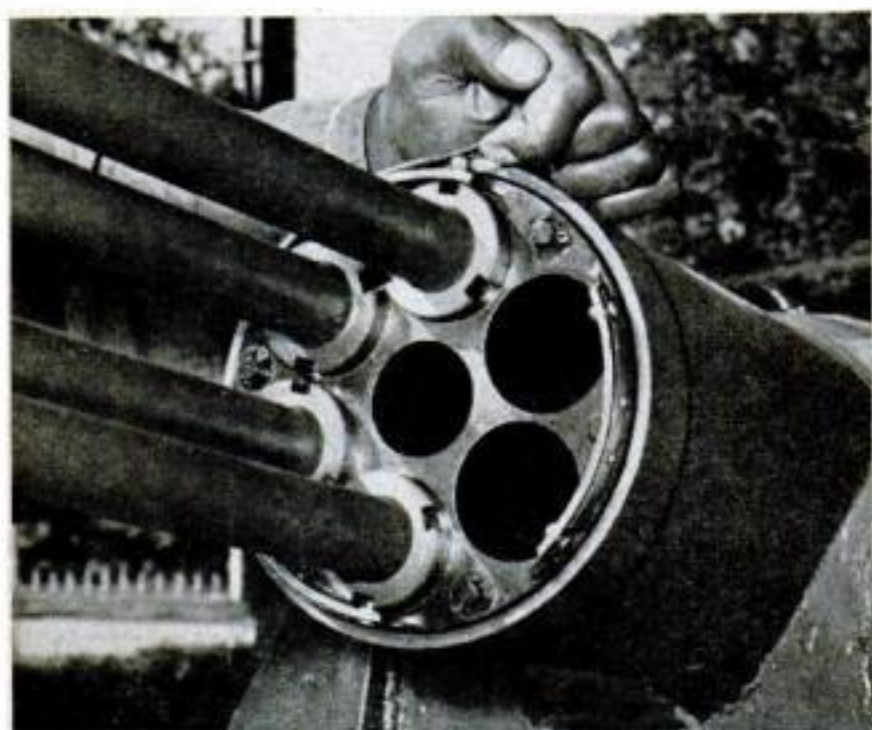


**FAST-MOVING ROLL** of wrapping paper behind the last target shows individual bullet holes. Shapes of the holes indicate whether the projectiles were traveling straight or yawing.





**REMOVING THE MUZZLE CLAMP** is the first step in field-stripping the Vulcan 20-mm. aircraft cannon. The gun can be completely field-stripped and reassembled in less than 30 minutes.



**REAR-LOCKING MECHANISM** of individual barrels is released by removing a single pin, as in the picture above. Wear on the six barrels is heavy at the gun's terrific firing speeds.



**BARRELS PULL OUT** easily. Other steps in field-stripping the Vulcan include removal of the six firing bolts in the gun's rear housing and taking out the ammunition feeder assembly.

can be slowed down to stutter at a lazy rate of 3,000 rounds a minute.

World War II airplane machine guns fired at a rate of less than 1,000 rounds a minute.

Vulcan is termed the ultimate in aircraft machine guns. One gun designer says that it would be impossible to make a mechanism that would fire faster. But there will be no need for such a weapon. In 10 years there probably won't be a machine gun in the air. It will be all rockets and guided missiles.

**Why revive the Gatling?** The principle of the rotating multi-barrel cluster is the answer. No single-barrel gun could possibly stand up under the terrific rate of fire needed in modern aerial combat. And even if a single barrel could take that heating and beating, you wouldn't be able to get the shells out fast enough; the bullets would be tagging each other.

Army Ordnance and the General Electric Co. took on the job of building a gun that would catch up with increasing jet speeds. As far back as 1946 they began a detailed study of all types of machine guns patented in the U.S. There were thousands of them.

The Gatling emerged as the best and only bet.

**When the Vulcan is triggered** electrically, this is what happens. The rotating mechanism spins the six barrels at one end and their six firing bolts at the rear. As each bolt passes the feeder it picks up a shell and shoves it forward into the breech block. A contact closes an electric circuit that ignites the primer, firing the round. The bolt then extracts the empty cartridge case and ejects it on the other side of the gun. This operational cycle of the cannon—firing at the 12-o'clock position, ejecting an empty cartridge at the seven-o'clock position, picking up another shell at the five-o'clock position—is accomplished virtually simultaneously.

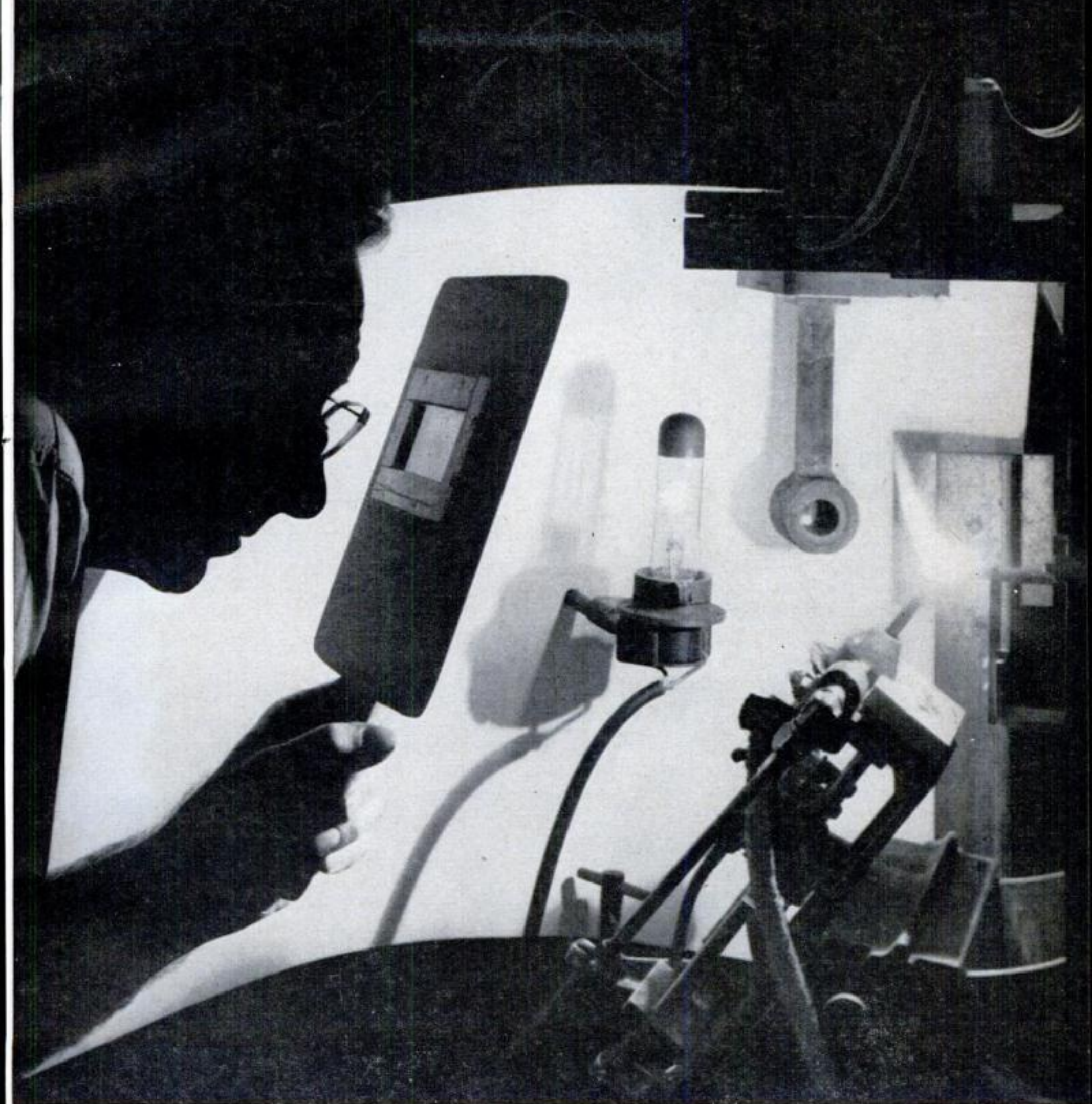
The Ordnance people look at the Vulcan as a "machine that fires" rather than a gun. Remove the barrels and the firing bolts, they say, and you have a machine

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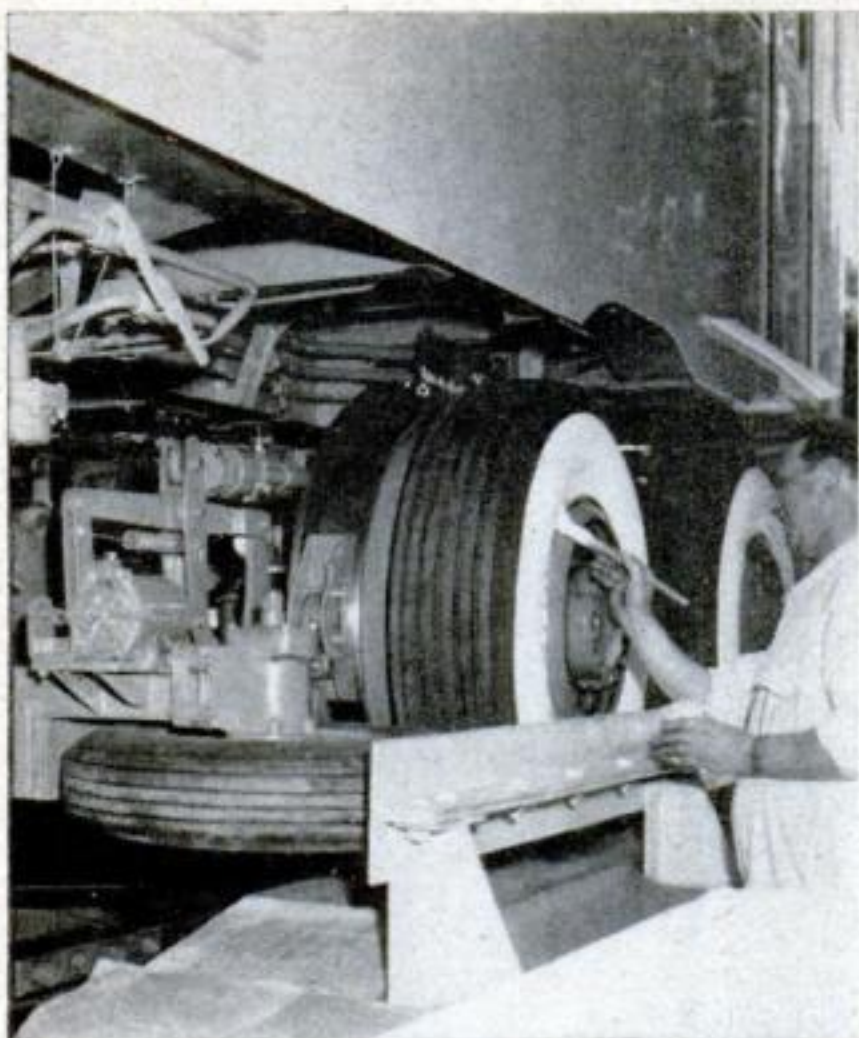


## **New Arc Light Is So Bright It Casts Shadow of 200-Watt Lamp**

THE arc at right above, produced by two carbon electrodes, is one of the brightest lights ever developed by man. Here it is shown casting a shadow of a lighted 200-watt filament lamp used in movie projectors. What causes its extreme brilliance is still a theory, but

National Carbon Company researchers say that its intensity and heat are roughly equivalent to those at the surface of the sun. The project is being conducted for the movie industry where brighter and truer light is sought for wide-screen, outdoor-theater and color projection.





## Subway Runs on Rubber Tires

BRIGHT-PAINTED pneumatic tires are now making the Paris "Metro" almost silent. Replacing the old steel wheels, they are kept on the track by a horizontal wheel, also rubber-tired, mounted on each truck. This wheel runs against a track right-angled to the rails and prevents sway.



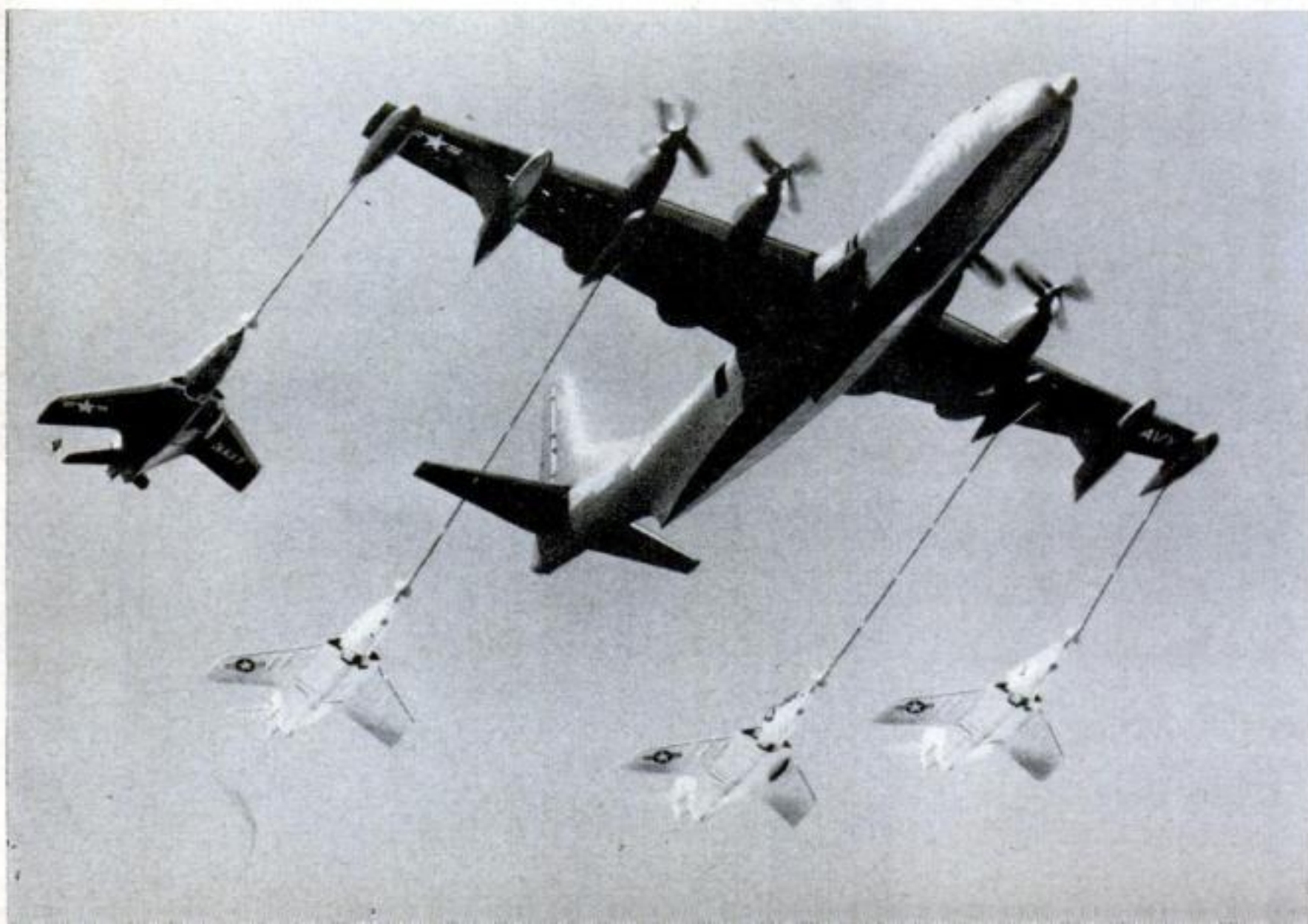
## Naturalist-Photographer Takes

THROUGH a long tube with a giant lens mounted in its tip, Robert Crandall (above) made highly magnified movies of a quaint Mojave Desert honeycask ant

## Seaplane Tanker Refuels Four Jet Fighters in Air at Same Time

IN ITS first multiple over-water refueling test, the Convair R3Y-2 below replenished the tanks of four Grumman F9F-8 jets in one five-minute operation.

Wing tanks of the four-engine turboprop Tradewind carry enough fuel for eight of the fighters. It feeds them with four drogues housed in pods under the wings.



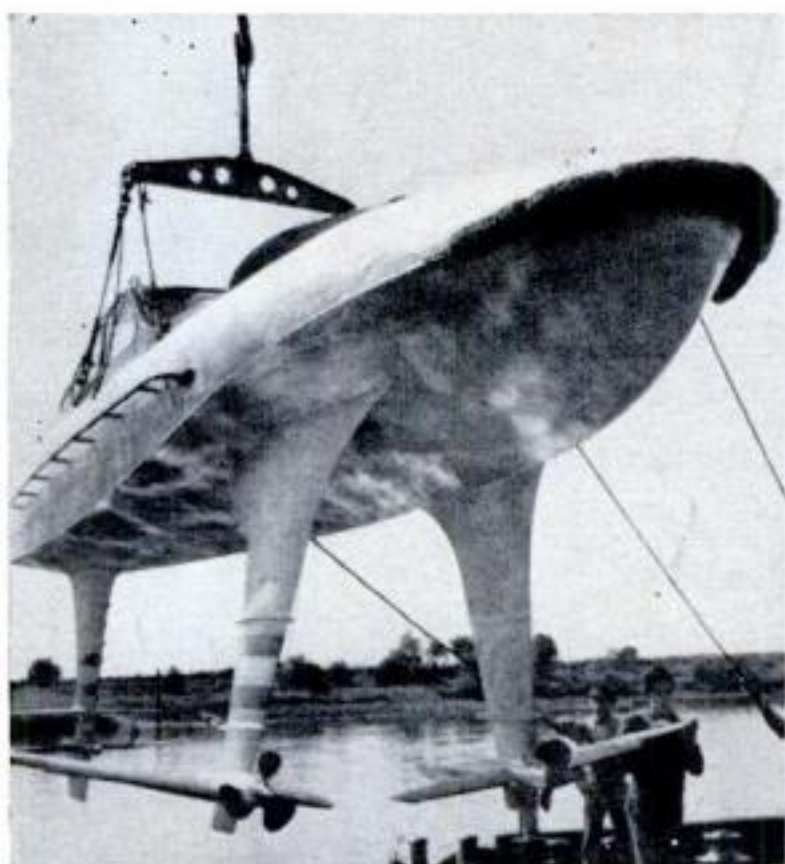




### **a Long Shot of an Odd Desert Ant Loaded Down with Honey**

for Walt Disney's new film, "Secrets of Life." Mrs. Crandall helped to guide the movie equipment. The ant, its abdomen swollen with honey, is staggering home-

ward, where, suspended from the ceiling of its underground chamber, it will become a living cask for hungry brother members of the ant colony to feed upon.

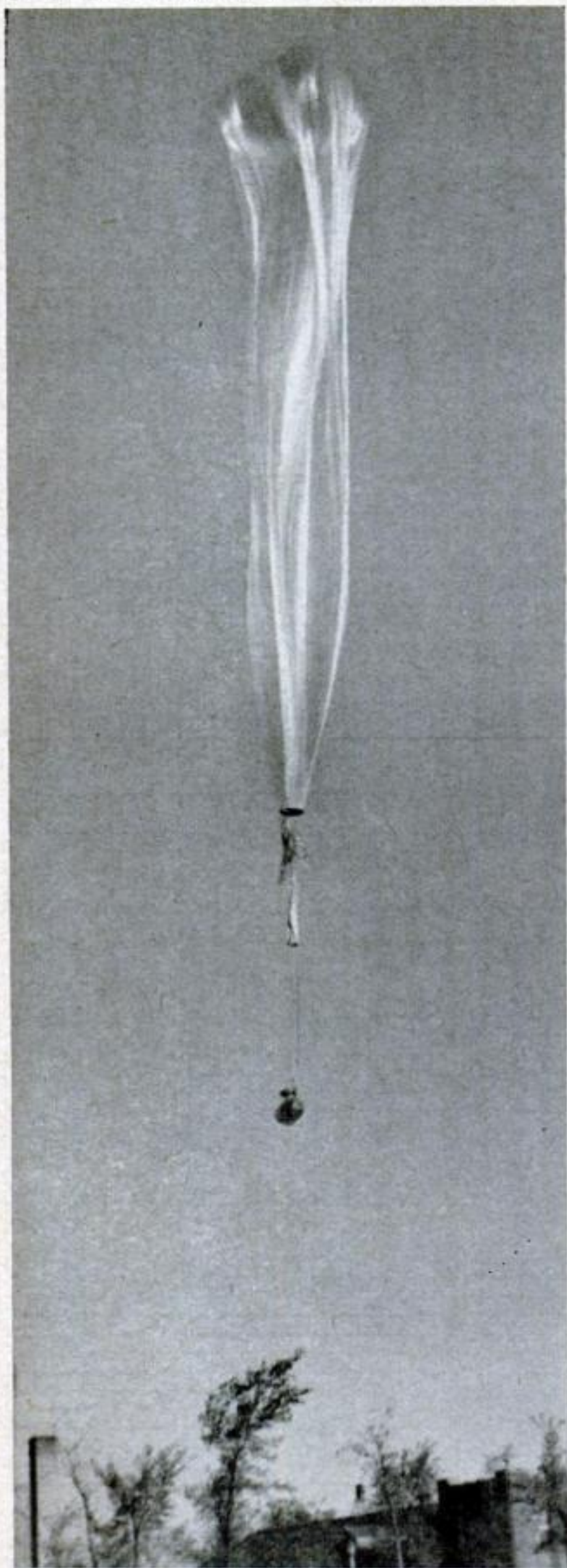


### **German Boat Rides High and Fast on Three Giant Winged Legs**

THIS ominous-looking vessel, being launched by derrick at left, did better than 30 m.p.h. on the Elbe River with its builder, Friedrich Wendel, at the wheel. Wings at the foot of its three legs skim higher and higher in the water the faster

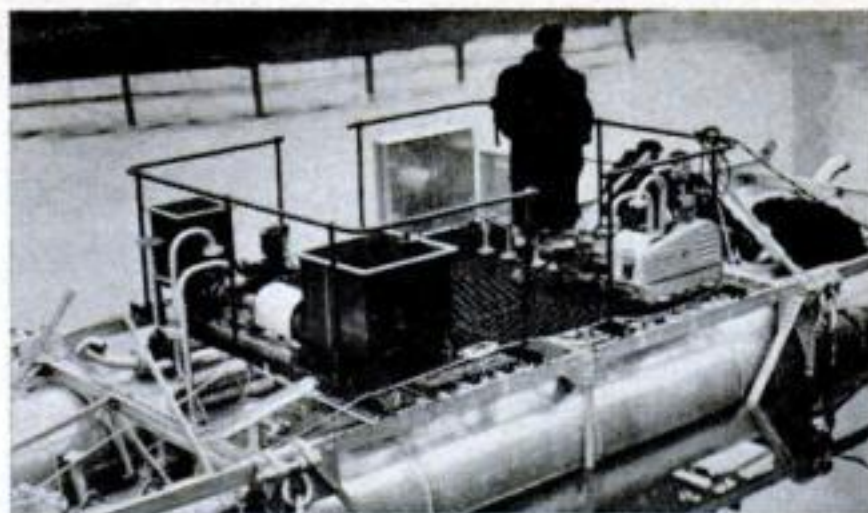
the boat goes, with the legs riding half-way out at full throttle. The rear leg is movable for steering the craft; propellers on the two front ones drive it. The front wings also have movable fins to neutralize rolling in rough seas.





## Solar Battery Soars High

THE high-altitude balloon above is taking a solar battery aloft. It is part of a research project conducted by General Mills' Mechanical Division to sound out the possibility of tapping the sun as a power source for future earth satellites.



## Waterworks Cruises to Site

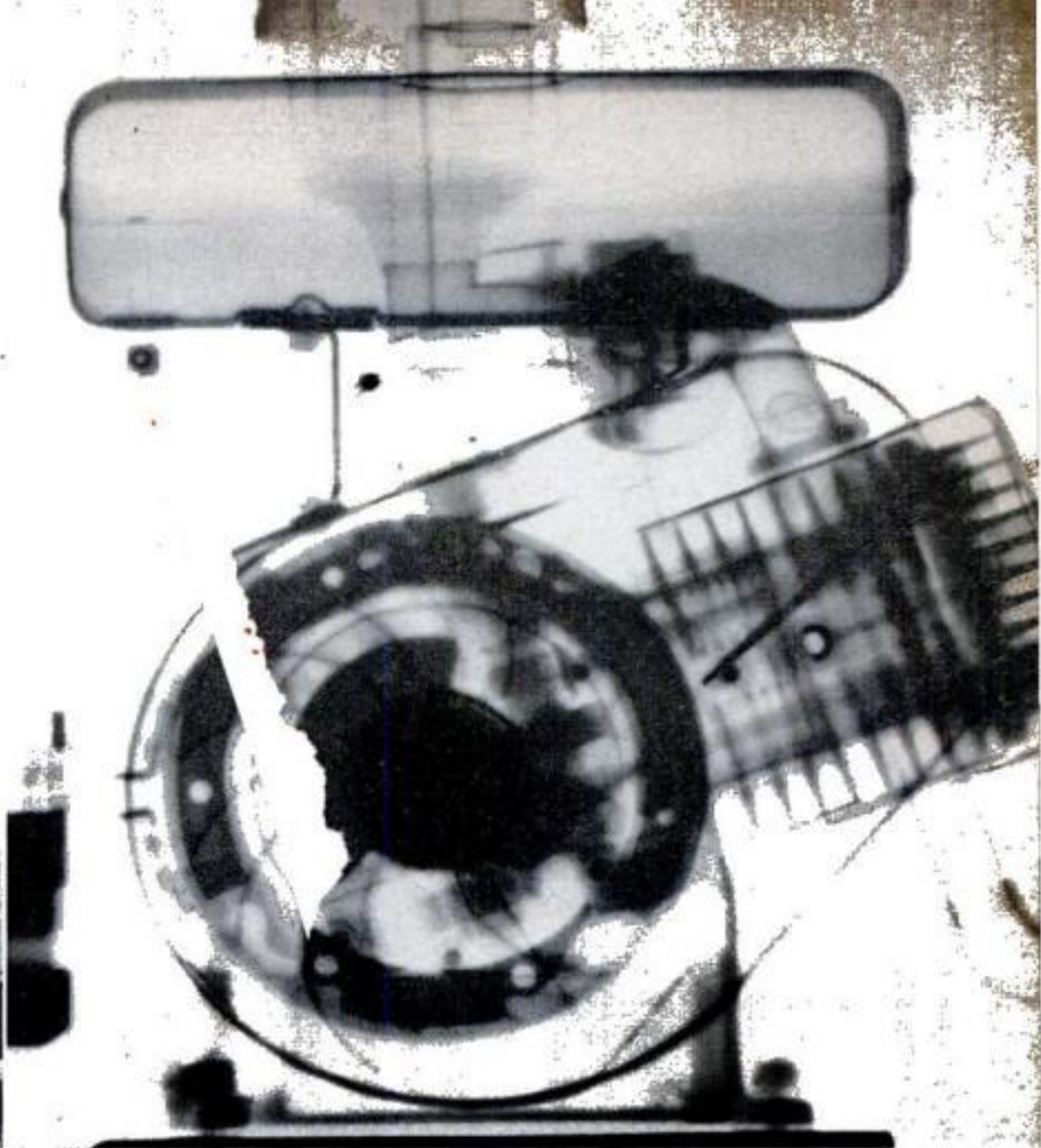
THIS floating waterworks will travel the rivers of Iraq, dropping anchor to purify and pump 3,000 gallons of water an hour to cities en route. The British-built plant knocks down for overland transport.



## Telephone Talk Without Hands

THE shopper shown here with both hands hanging onto packages is making a telephone call from an experimental booth under test in Chicago. A recessed microphone and amplifier let her speak and hear without holding a receiver.





### **X-Ray Probes the Insides of a Spinning Engine to Spot Flaws**

THE 15-million-volt betatron being swung into position at left takes X-ray pictures of the inside of a running engine. The apparatus peers through steel,

stopping visual high-speed motion in stroboradiographs like the one at right. The equipment was worked out jointly by General Electric and the Detroit Arsenal.

### **New Outboard Motors Feature Power Boosts, Fuel Savings**

UPPED to 35-hp., Evinrude's quieted, electric-starting 1957 Lark, top of a nine-motor line, has a slip-clutch propeller with weed cutter. Its Cruis-Throttle cuts fuel consumption as much as 20 percent.

RATED at 60 hp., the new Mark 75 Mercury outboard has a vertical six-cylinder engine with a displacement of 59.4 cubic inches. It comes with electric starting and a built-in generator.

A JET fuel system that is said to save up to 34 percent on gas is one of the features of the 1957 line of Scott-Atwater outboards. Most luxurious of nine motors offered is the 40-hp. Royal Scott below.







### Army Captures a Jug of Air from the Borderline of Space

EIGHT quarts of 75-mile-high air are in this steel bottle—one of six sent up in nose cones of two Aerobee rockets. It will tell Signal Corps scientists what

earth satellites (see p. 156) and future spaceships must go through. At peak rocket flight, the bottles snapped open and shut to trap the precious catch.

### These Fast New Navy Jet Trainers Perform Like Combat Planes

BUILT like operational jet fighters, the new Temco TT-1 (left) and North American T2J (right) are expected to turn out jet jockeys fast. They'll travel

at 350 and 460 m.p.h. respectively, and have controls similar to those of their combat brothers. Big clear canopies give instructor and student wide vision.





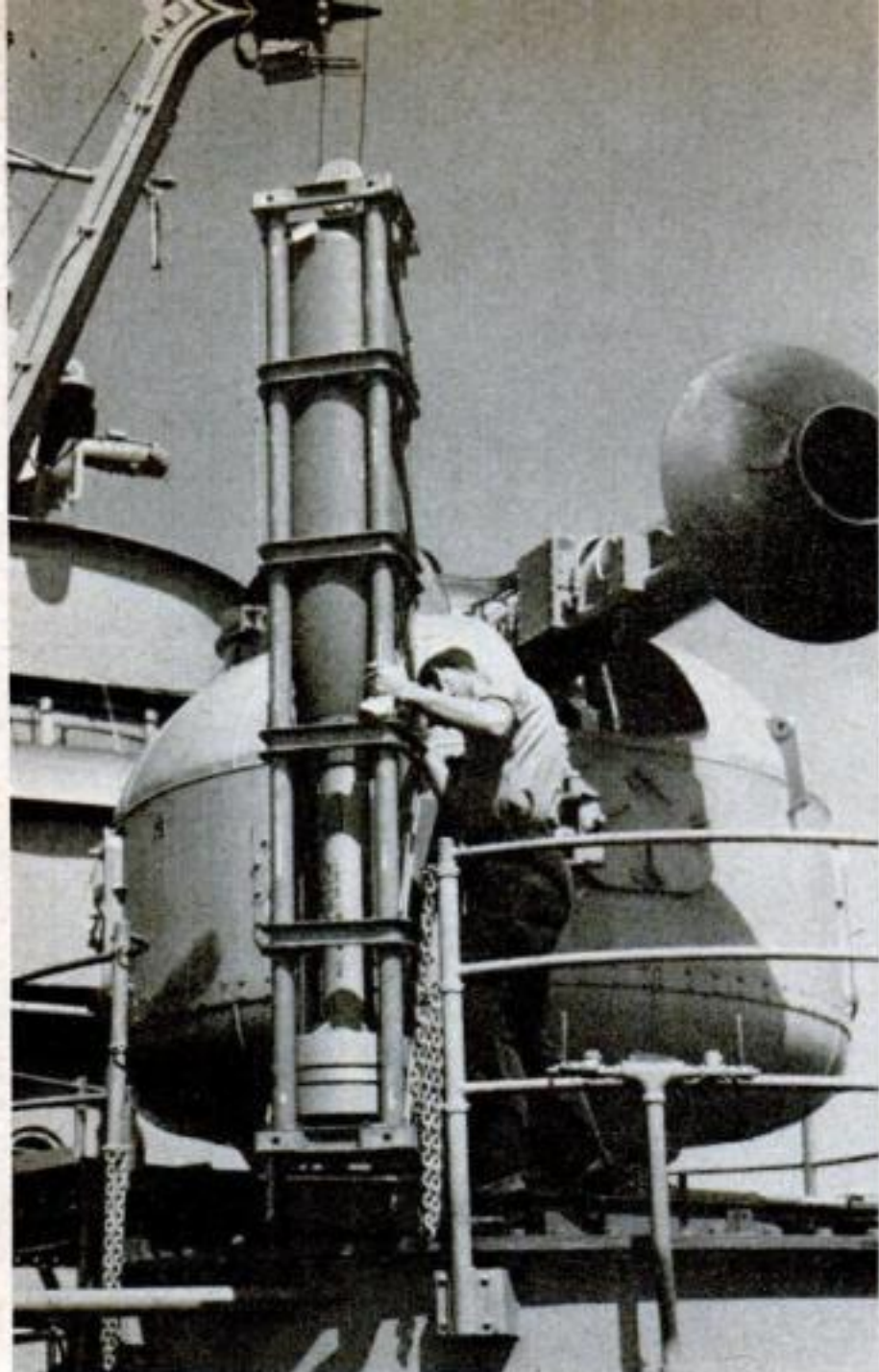


## Talk-and-See Phones Come Closer to Reality with New Designs

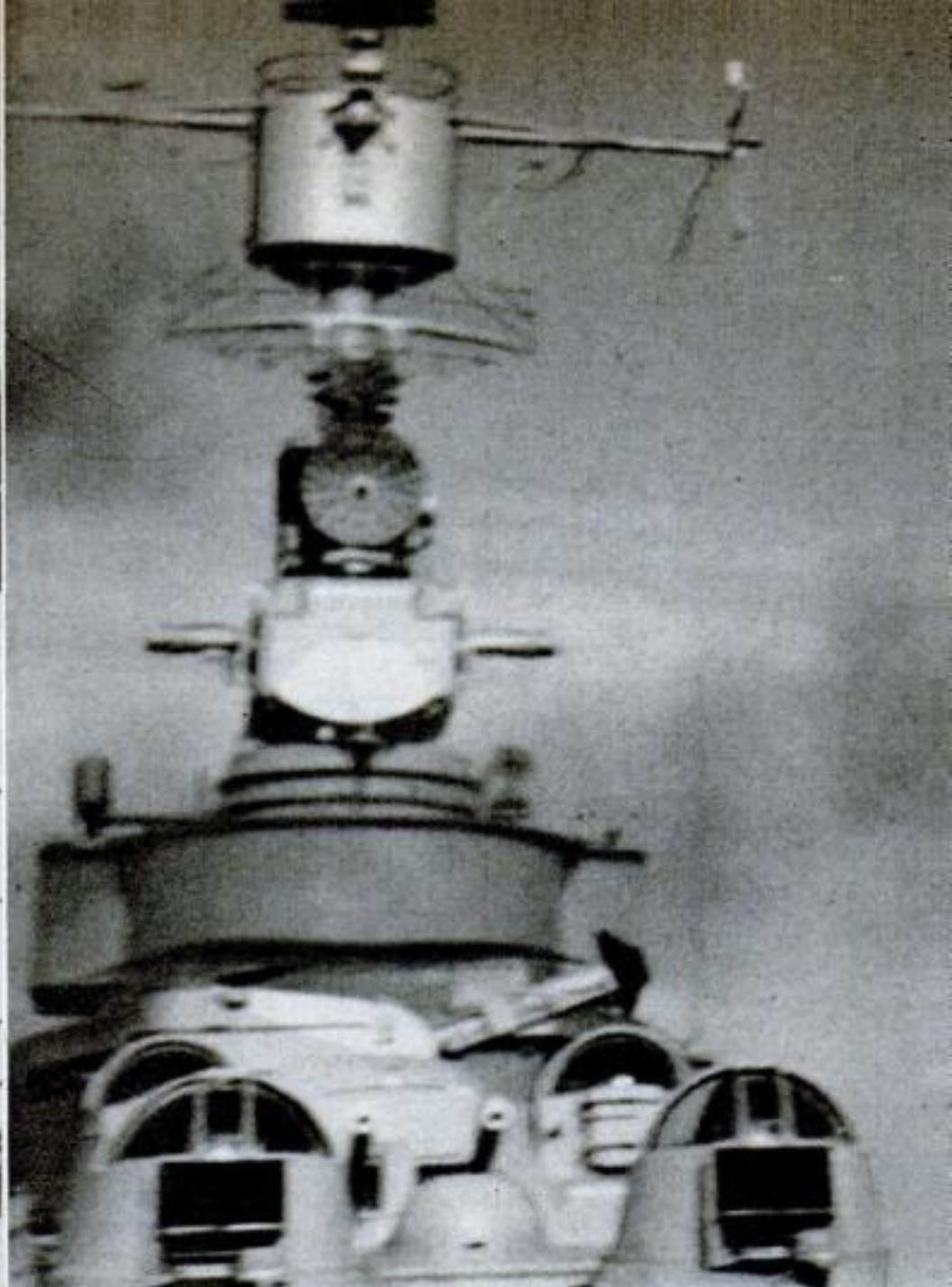
THESE two experimental setups make vision-phones almost commercially feasible, engineers of the Bell Telephone Labs say. Either one requires only one extra phone line. The pictures don't flick constantly like TV—they change only every two seconds. The unit at top has

the camera lens above the picture receiver in the same box; in the model below, camera and receiver are separate units. Using either, you would have to flick a switch before the other party could see you. The final version is expected to be much smaller.





**Navy's New Anti-Sub Rocket Permits Long-Range Attack on Undersea Prowlers**



WEAPON ABLE, new Navy anti-submarine rocket being loaded at left in a special launcher aboard the destroyer leader USS *Wilkinson*, heads for its target in



**Cable Hitch Carries "Casualties" Across Stream in Army Training**

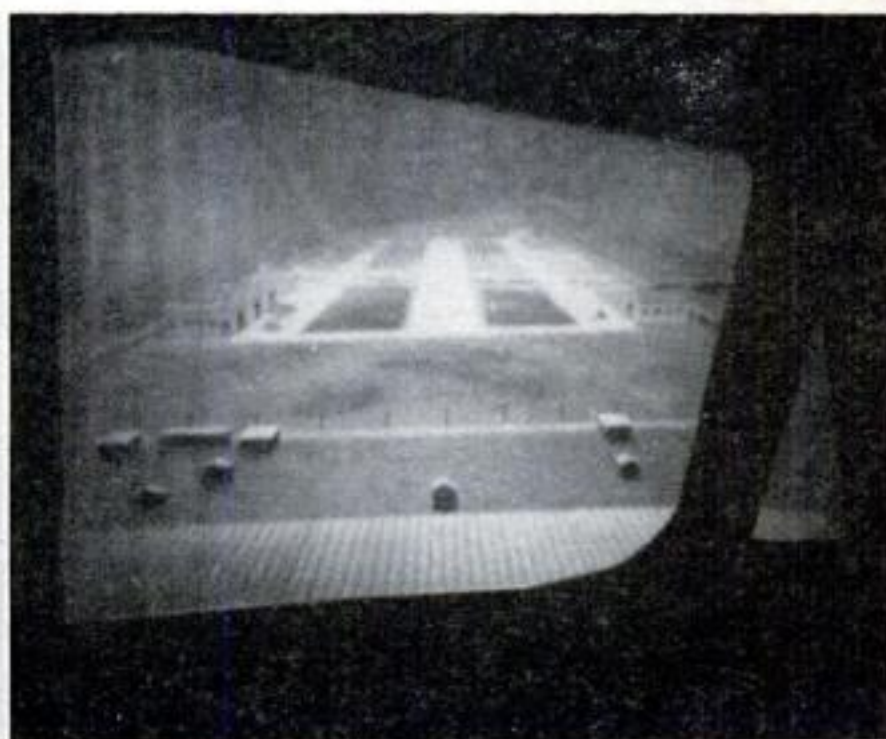
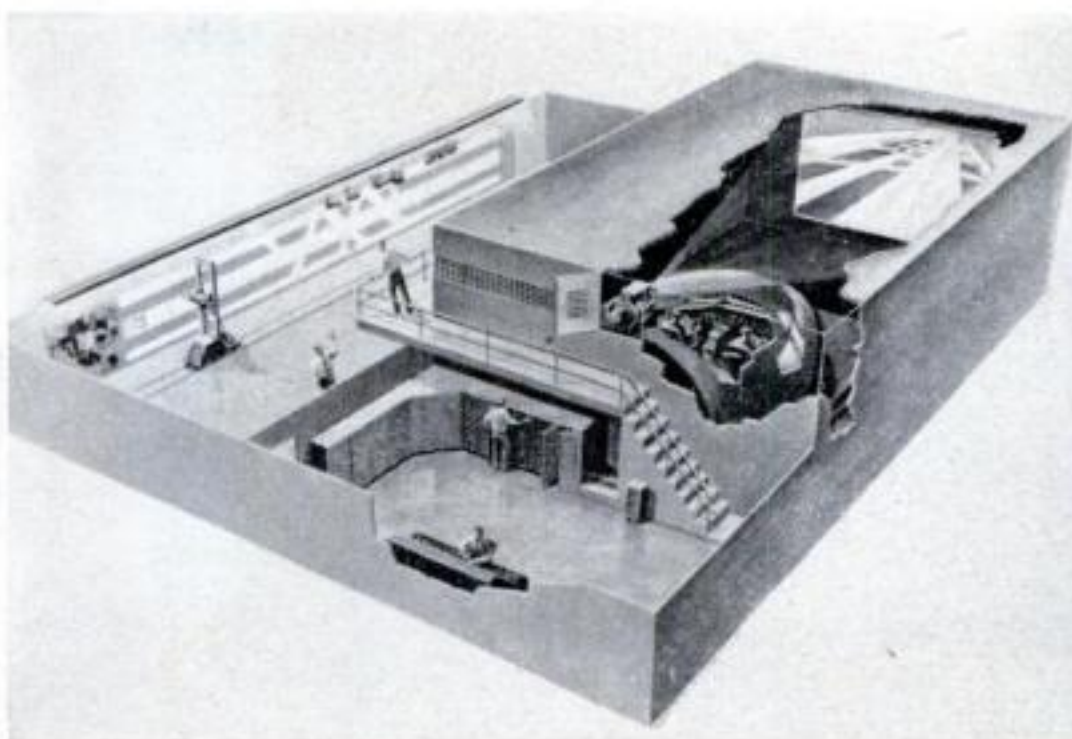
"RIDING the rope" over a stream, Medical Corps trainees at Brooke Army Medical Center, Tex., learn the latest tricks in getting wounded soldiers from

the battlefield. The cable hitch can be flung in jig time across narrow waterways, and the men are then winched or hand-drawn from dry land to dry land.



training exercises above. The rapid-fire missile has a variable range, weighs 500 pounds and carries a charge about equal to a conventional depth charge. The

launcher swings around so the crew can fire on sight, and from afar, without the ship having to maneuver for position in the vicinity of the submarine.



## Televised "Airport" Will Help Break In Jet-Airliner Pilots

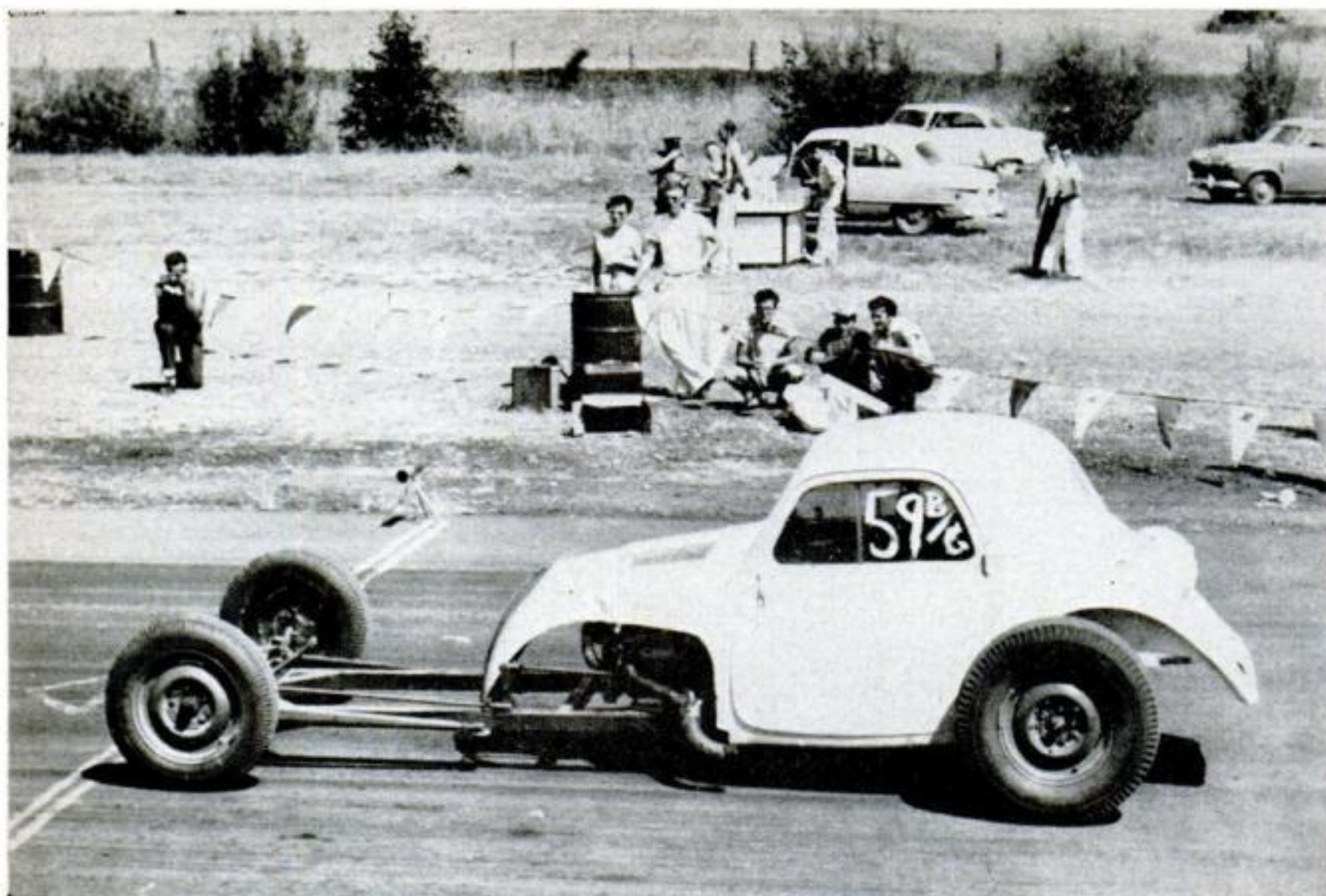
WHEN the Douglas DC-8 makes its first passenger flight late in 1959 or 1960, pilots already will have made hundreds of visual "landings" and "takeoffs" in the 560-m.p.h. jet airliner.

Their flying will have been done in a novel Link ground trainer that uses television to give the pilot a changing landscape as he would see it from the jet.

The system, called Telerama, projects a panoramic view of a three-dimensional scale model of an airport on a 15-foot screen in front of the flight simulator's cockpit, as in the cutaway at left.

The TV camera, moving along a track, is able to reflect a pilot's flight maneuvers in relation to the airport. What he sees is shown in the photo above.

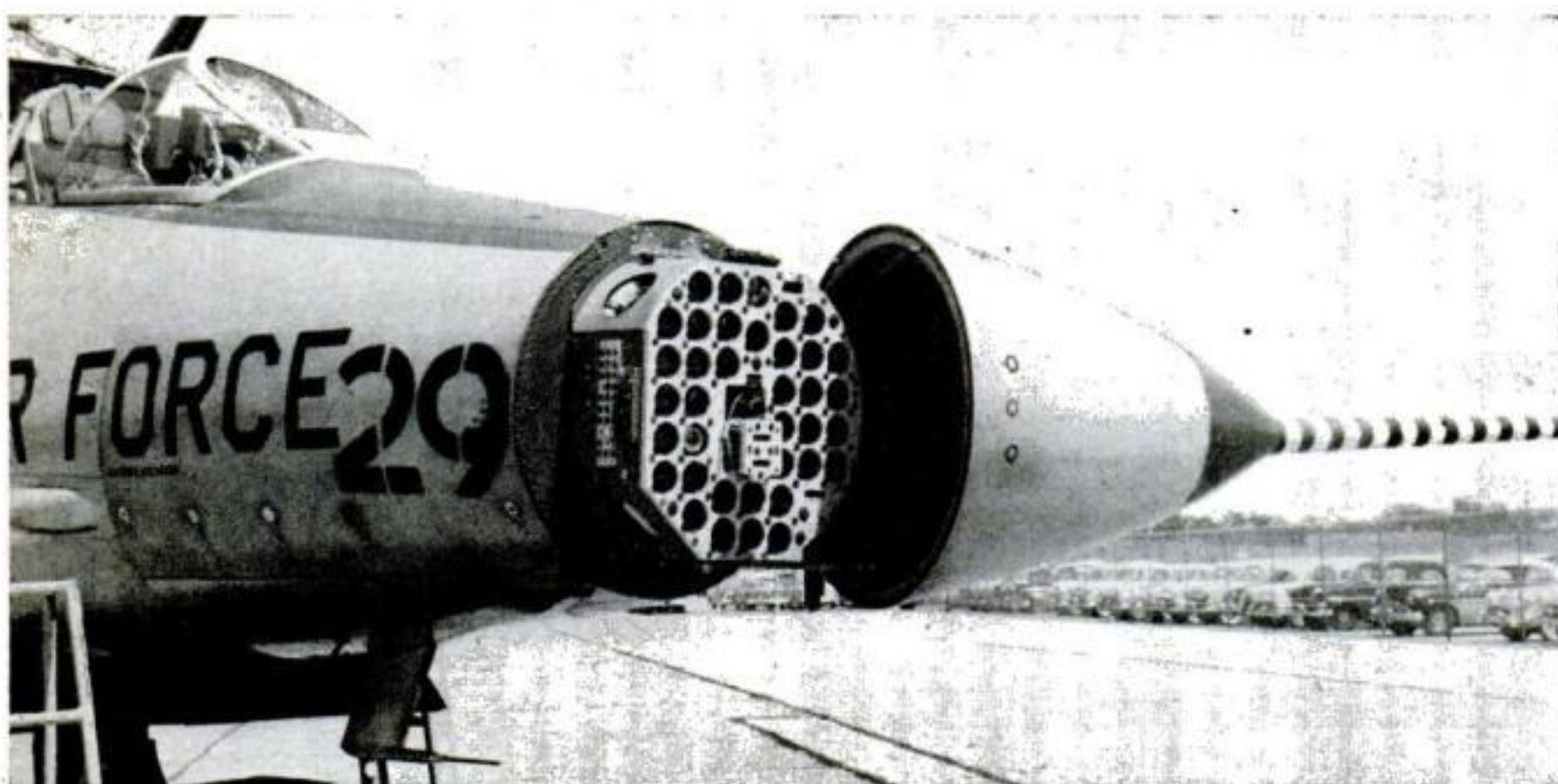




### Long Wheelbase Runs Front End Right Out From Under Hood

HERE is a front end that is really out front. Drag-race enthusiasts in Los Angeles gave their old Fiat coupe this odd broken-down appearance by welding

an extension to the front of the chassis. Object of the stretched-out hot rod is to put more weight on the rear axle, improve traction and make a fast getaway.



### Camera in Jet's Hinged Nose Takes Movie of Test Instruments

How does a busy test pilot keep a record of multiple-instrument readings during a flight? McDonnell Aircraft Corp. makes it easy with this F-101A at Edwards AFB Flight Test Center in California. The Voodoo's complex test in-

strumentation is mounted in its hinged nose, and a movie camera centered in the panel is aimed at a mirror in the hinged section. The filmed reflection is then screened for study at post-flight conferences of the pilot and test engineers.





## Trussless Roof Over Big Arena Is Put Up with Nuts and Bolts

Six- to 10-foot lengths of corrugated steel form the roof over the 120-by-260-foot arena of the new Phoenix (Ariz.) Coliseum shown above. Workmen using only nuts and bolts to fasten the curved sheets end to end (lower right) and side

to side erected the roof in 7½ days. Absence of trusses will provide a clear view from each of 5,000 permanent seats. The makers, Wonder Building Corp. of America, Chicago, say the 18-gauge steel can stand a 113-mile wind or 5½-foot snow.





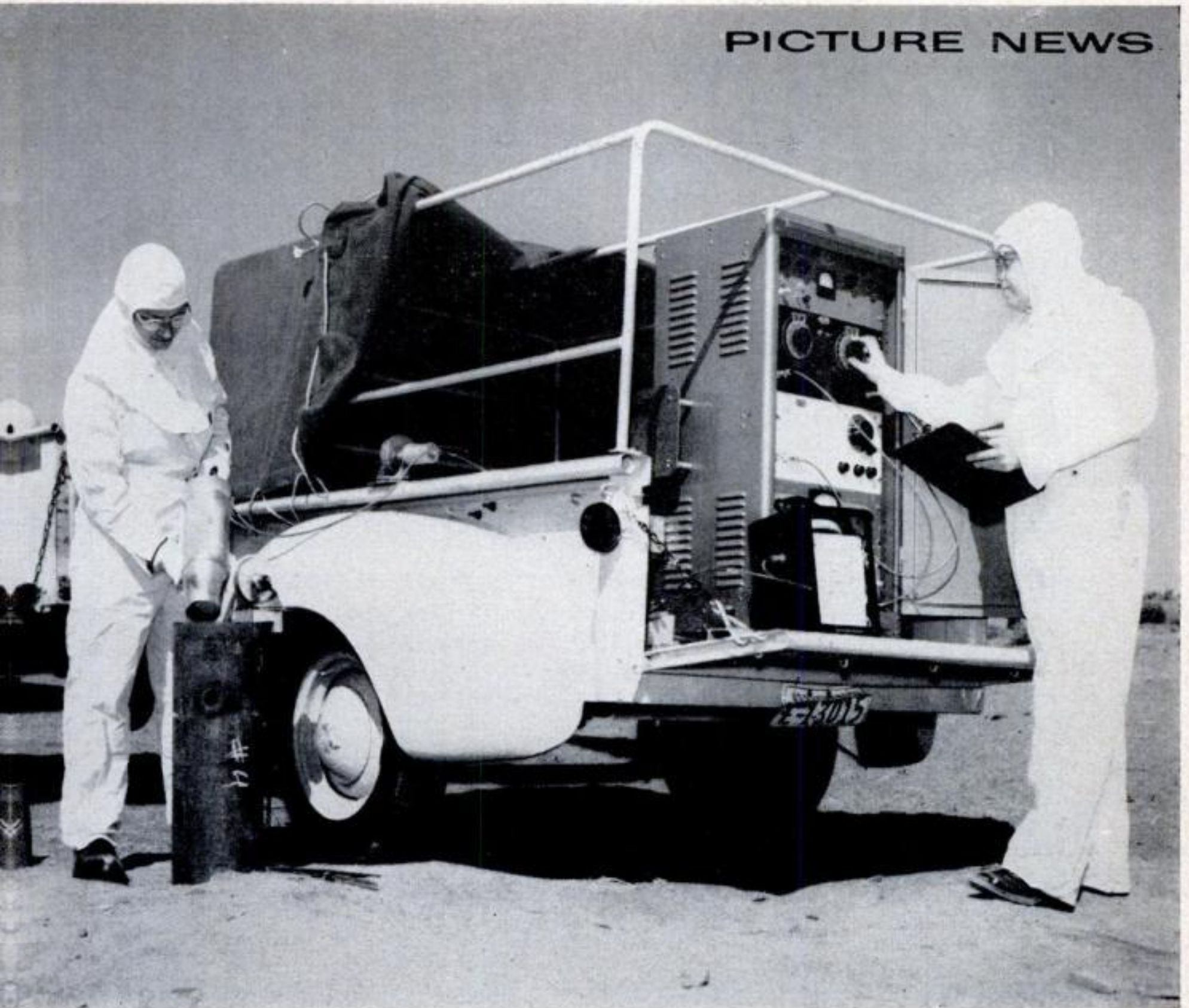
### **Weather Dome Wards Off Windburn and Keeps Cyclist Dry**

TIRED of the windblown look, this German student partially enclosed his motorbike and now arrives at classes with every hair in place. A metal hood

topping the shatterproof windshield keeps his head dry on rainy days. The rear of the weather dome is open—but who drives backwards?



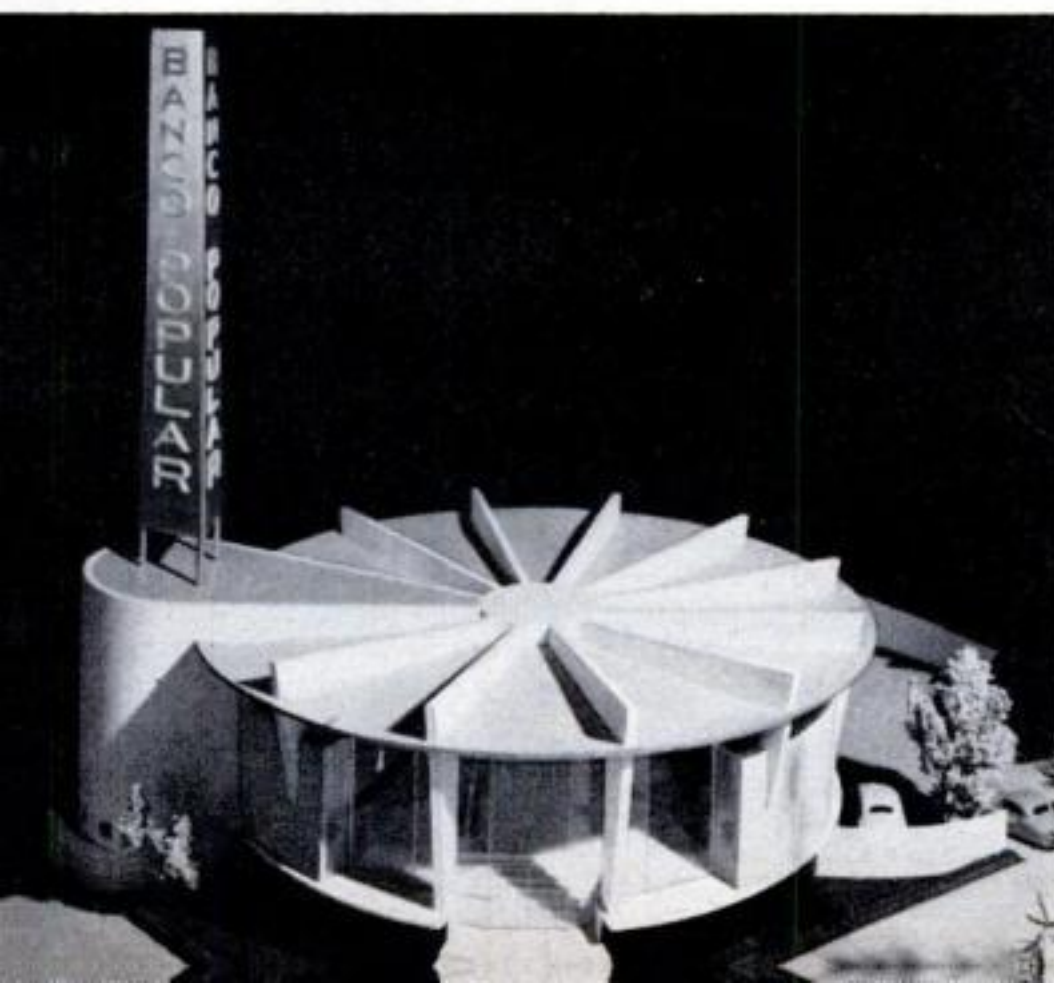




### Deep-Well Probe Checks Soil at Atomic Dumping Grounds

WHAT happens when hot waste is buried hundreds of feet deep in atomic dumps? To find out, GE men at the Hanford (Wash.) plant use a new "eye"—a

crystal of sodium iodide sealed in aluminum (left). Lowered by cable into test wells, it transmits spectrum analyses of the soil to the trailer at right.

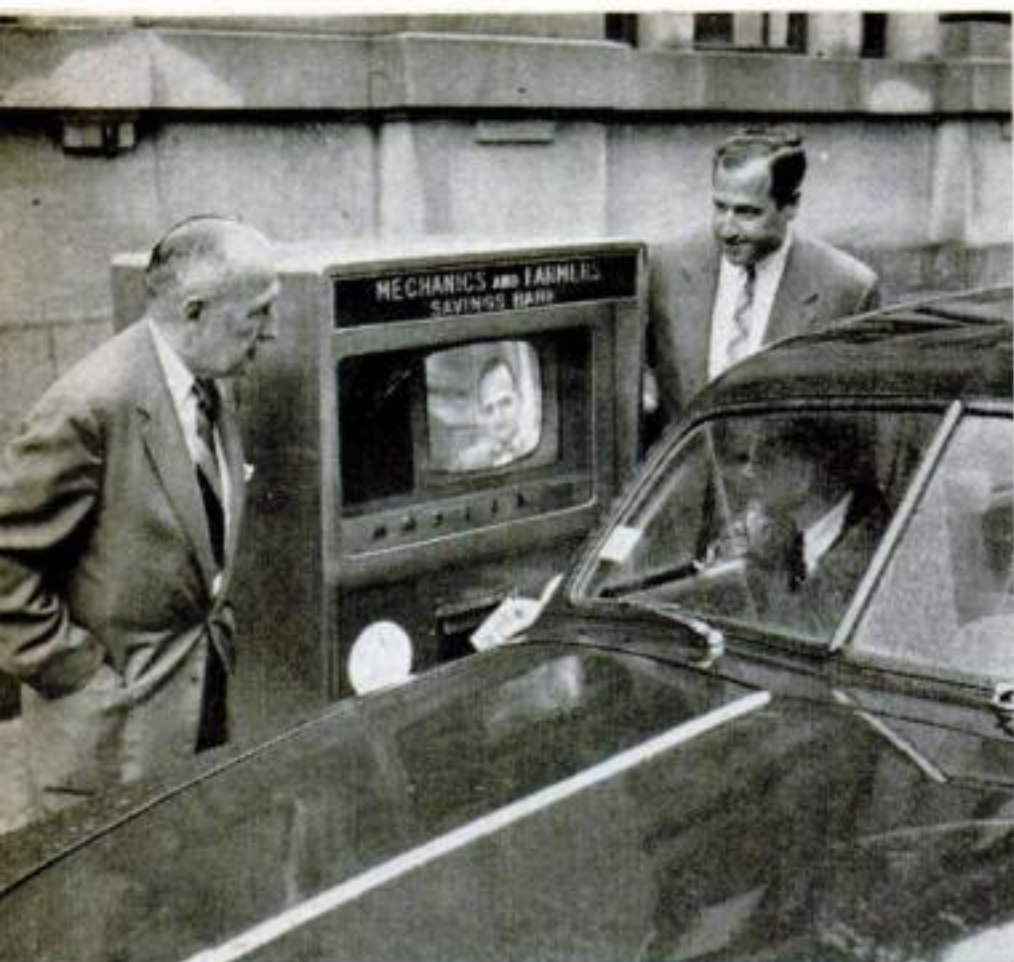


### These Modern Banks Are Designed to Fit the Weather

THIS circular bank, planned for Puerto Rico, is designed to stand hurricanes and earthquakes. Architect Chauncey W. Riley says the floor-to-ceiling windows won't be boarded up before storms; they will simply be replaced, if broken. The interior will withstand wind and water. Papers will be in a waterproof basement.

In contrast, the Federal Reserve bank (far left) at Houston, Tex., will have no windows at all. The two-million-dollar air-conditioned structure is designed to allow for a future five-floor addition.

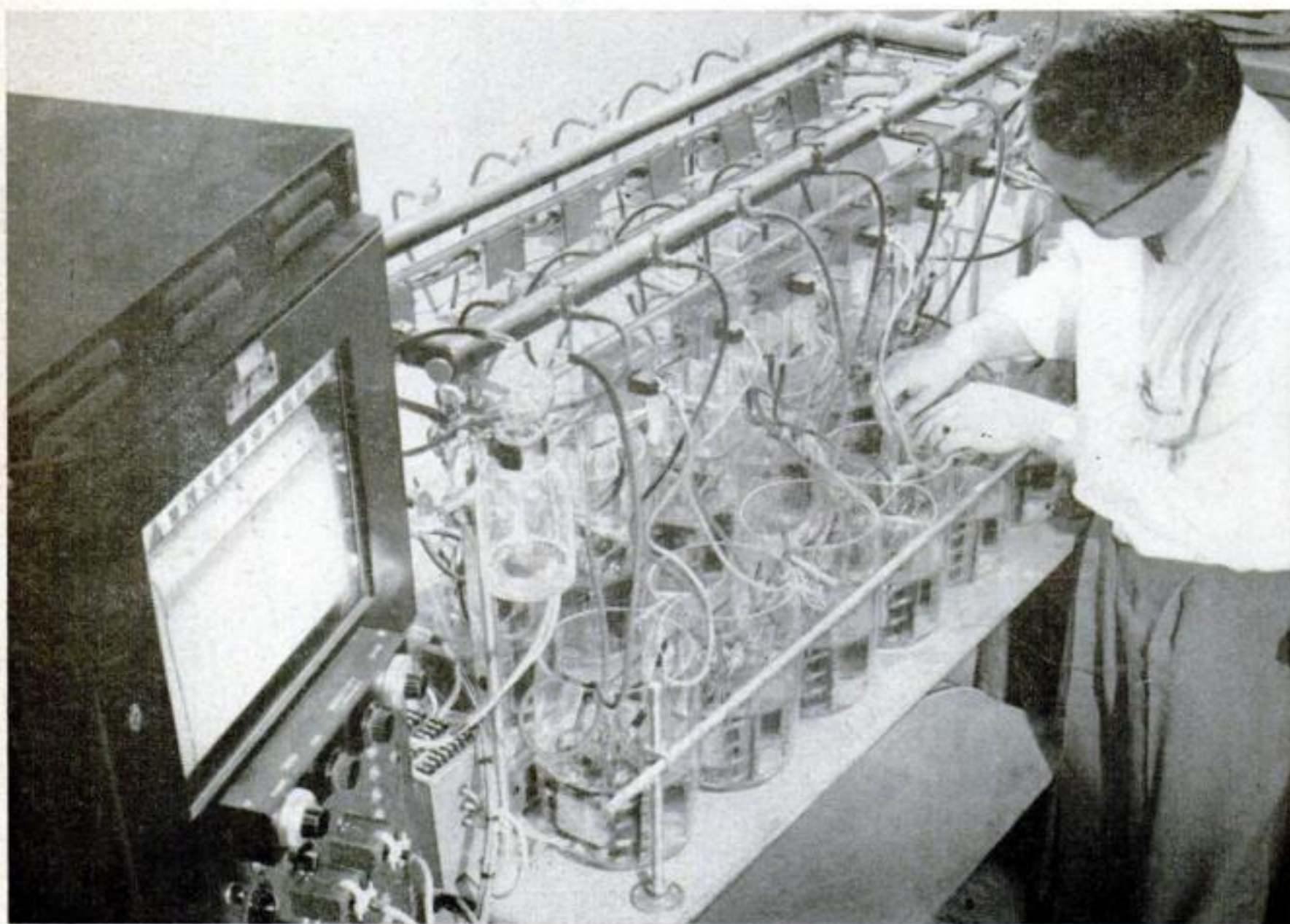




## TV Banking Lets Teller Handle Customer in Auto at Curb

DRIVE-IN customers of a Bridgeport, Conn., bank are handled by a teller deep inside the building. When a driver rings, a pair of TV screens and two-way speak-

ers are turned on and a delivery slot (left) is opened. Passbook, cash and papers whizz to and from the teller's cage (right) through a pneumatic tube.



## Fuel Cell That May Power Subs Turns Gas into Electricity

THE complicated setup above is a new kind of battery. Oxygen and hydrogen set up positive and negative poles as they flow through tubes into a beaker holding

carbon plates immersed in fluids. Researchers at National Carbon hope to develop the fuel cells for reserve power supplies and for submarine propulsion.





### **Rolling X-Ray Puts a Penetrating Eye on Troop Transports**

THIS mobile X-ray rig gives Douglas troop carriers a tough going over before delivery. The X-ray tube head rides a boom on a hydraulically operated tele-

scoping mast. Technicians shoot 178 photos to probe for structural defects or foreign material in areas that can't be reached by visual inspection.

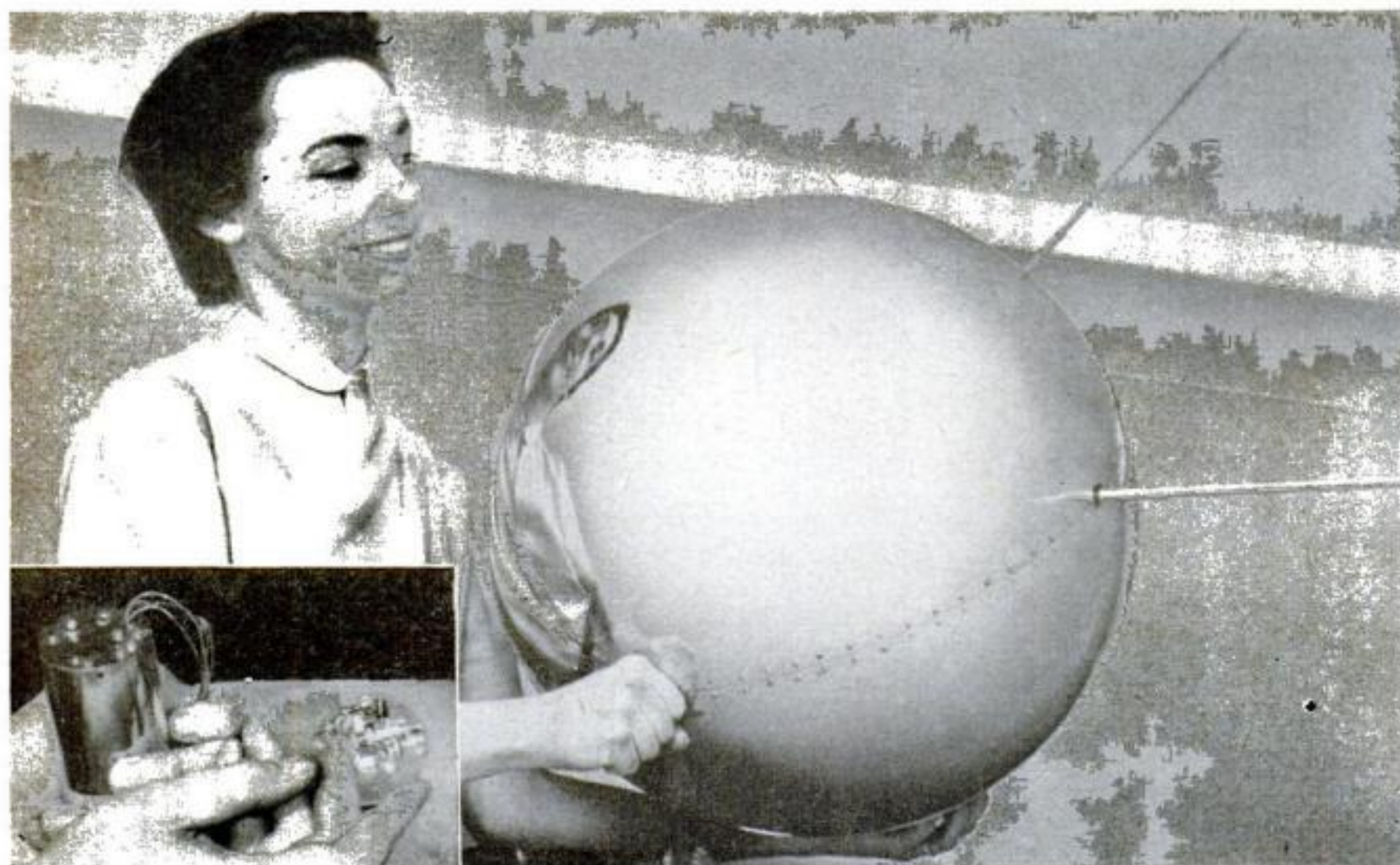




## Falcon Guided Missiles Nestle in Scorpion's Wing-Tip Pods

TWIN killer pods make the Northrop F-89H the Air Force's most heavily armed operational fighter. Three guided missiles are carried within each pod. For air firing (PS, June '56, p. 96) they

are extended from the sides, as shown above. The nose of each pod also carries 21 air-to-air rockets in clusters of seven. Any one of the missiles or rockets can knock down the biggest bomber.



## Satellite to Have Shiny Shell, Gold-Plated Tracking Transmitter

LIGHT, rugged magnesium, shined to a mirror finish to reduce friction, will house scientific instruments in the man-made moons to be launched during the 1957-58 International Geophysical Year.

Among the instruments will be a tracking radio transmitter (inset) in an aluminum container gold-plated to make it a better heat shield. Moons will be the size of the sphere above, weight 22 pounds.



*Science throws new light on a fascinating question: Can there be*

# Life Without Father?

*Olie, first higher animal known definitely to have been born naturally without a father and to have survived more than a few hours, looks thoughtful at having made biologic history.*



*It can surely happen to turkeys, researchers reveal, but doctors are skeptical regarding Monica Jones.*

**By Herbert Yahraes**



**M**RS. Emmimarie Jones is a good-looking brunette who lives in England and has an 11-year-old daughter named Monica.

Dr. Marlow W. Olsen is a big, graying embryologist with the Agricultural Research Center at Beltsville, Md. Each has been telling quite a story. Mrs. Jones, as you may have read in

the papers, claims that Monica never had a father—that, in other words, she is a living example of the phenomenon known scientifically as parthenogenesis. That unwieldy word means reproduction of one's kind without the normal sexual preliminaries. Laymen call it virgin birth.

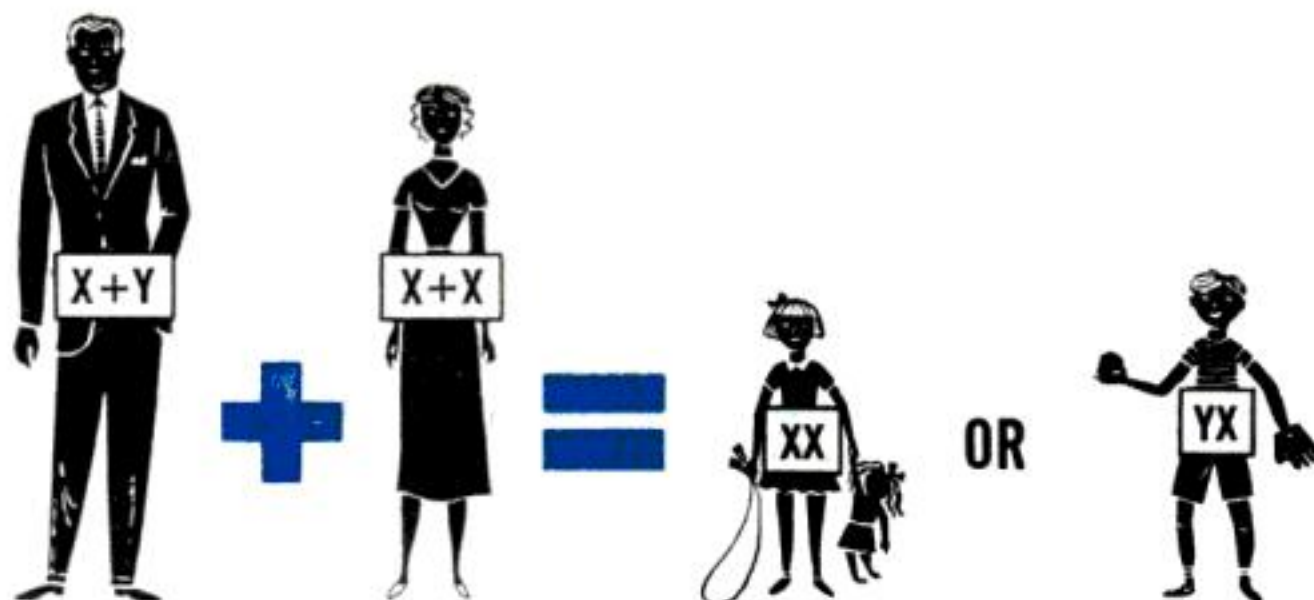
Dr. Olsen declares that some of the turkeys hatched at the federal research station never had a father, either. They came from eggs laid by virgin females.

Reproduction without benefit of males



**How the sex of humans is determined**

**LIFE WITH FATHER**

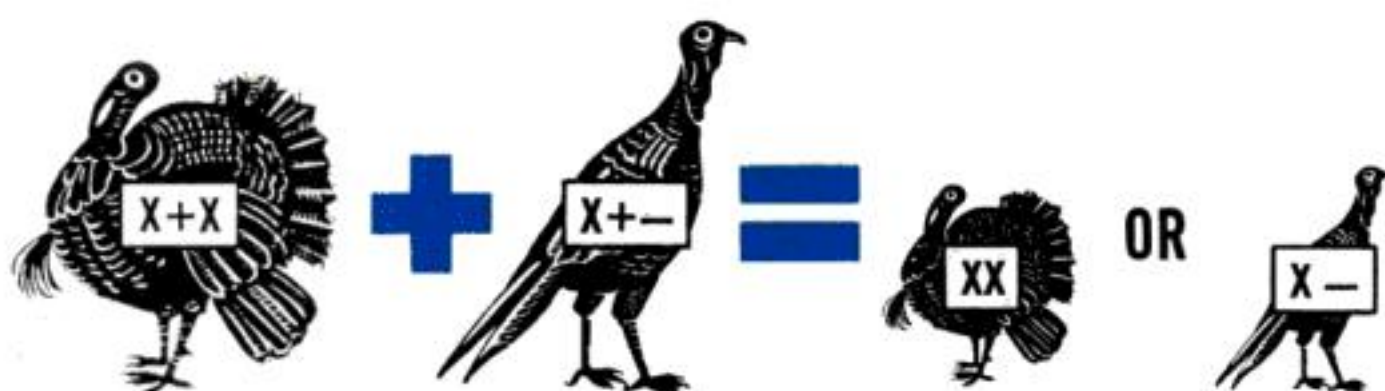


Males have two kinds of sex chromosomes, X and Y. Females have only one kind, X. When

male X and female X chromosomes unite, a girl is born. When male Y and female X unite, a boy

**How the sex of turkeys is determined**

**LIFE WITH TOM**



Male turkeys have two sex chromosomes of one kind—both X. Females have one sex chromosome, which means half their eggs contain a sex

chromosome (X), half don't (-). When male and female X chromosomes unite, a tom is born. When an X sperm and (-) egg unite, it's a hen.

is common among such lower forms of life as bees and aphids. Also it has been induced artificially in frogs, sea urchins, silk worms and even rabbits—in some cases by pricking the eggs, in others by treating them with acid, sea water, heat or cold.

While doctors are skeptical that parthenogenesis really took place in the strange case of Monica Jones, Dr. Olsen's investigations prove for the first time that it does occur naturally in a creature as high up the scale of life as a turkey.

**F**OUR years ago, Olsen and a fellow worker segregated 30 hen turkeys for a study, not of parthenogenesis but of fertility. Olsen had a hunch that a drop in the fertility of the Beltsville flock, amounting to about 50 percent between January and July, might somehow be related to a loss of feathers by the males. The idea was to mate some of the toms, when they started moulting, with the segregated hens. A close record would

then be kept of fertile and infertile eggs.

"But first," said Olsen to his teammate, S. J. Marsden, one of the developers of the Beltsville Small White turkey, "let's make sure the eggs now being laid are infertile." So they incubated eggs laid by the nonmated hens and then, one by one, Olsen broke them open and looked for evidence of embryonic development.

"Infertile," Olsen called out, and Marsden wrote it down. "Infertile . . . Infertile . . . Infertile . . ." It was just what they had expected.

But then came an egg that was different. As the scientist broke it and sieved the contents through his fingers, he discovered a bit of membrane.

"Put this one down as fertile," he called out.

"It can't be," Marsden called back. But out of a batch of several dozen of the selected eggs, several others showed the same kind of growth.

"It is certainly embryonic develop-



## LIFE WITHOUT FATHER



is born. Theoretically, virgin birth, involving only female chromosomes, would produce a girl.

## LIFE WITHOUT TOM



Virgin birth among turkeys is bound to produce toms (X chromosomes only), for super-female eggs without sex chromosomes never develop.

ment," said Olsen. "The question is: where is it coming from?"

He began to look for the answer.

**T**O SOME people, this is a humorous subject—life without a father. They snicker. They say the toms must have gotten in somehow. Or some joker must have switched eggs in the incubator.

Dr. Olsen foresaw this, so he kept the experimental birds under lock and key and cared for them himself. He put a lock on the incubator. He marked each egg with the date it was laid and the number of the hen that laid it. He even added a secret symbol, in invisible ink, which showed up only in ultraviolet light.

As a scientist, he gave himself harder problems. For example, was it possible that a hen known never to have mated could have received sperm some other way? Also, could it be that among a flock of supposedly virgin hens, one was a hermaphrodite?

To rule out all such possibilities, Olsen

separated hens and toms when they were only six weeks old, a time when turkeys have not begun to mature sexually. The hens he kept in individual cages. Yet, just like the other unmated hens under experiment, when they grew up they laid some eggs that developed at least a little way toward turkeys.

**J**UMP now to Saturday, March 10, 1956. At 10:30 in the morning, Dr. Olsen gently cracked the shell of a turkey egg lying on a table in the Beltsville hatchery and picked off bits of it with a pair of tweezers until a bird's head appeared. Afterwards, off and on for eight hours, he picked away other bits.

That night he kept the bird in the hatchery and the next day took him home in a portable brooder, which he plugged in next to his bed. Thereafter, every four hours, 'round the clock, Dr. Olsen fed his tiny charge. He got out of bed at midnight and at four to poke a mixture of crumbled egg and cottage cheese down the bird's throat. During the day he made special trips from his office.

This was unusual care for a turkey, but the turkey was unusual, too—the first fatherless poult to hatch and keep on living. The Beltsville staff named him Olie.

Dr. Olsen's score card for 1956 reads as follows:

One hundred and twenty-eight virgin turkey hens laid about 6,000 eggs.

Of these, about 1,800 showed parthenogenetic development, and of these 247 developed into embryos.

Seven of these fatherless turkeys came out of the shell alive, but five died during the first 24 hours. The others were Olie and a bird, born in April, named Popeye.

What causes parthenogenesis? Could it be that the egg cells are damaged?

"No," reports Olsen. "They are not interfered with in any way."

He knows that heredity plays a big part, because he has been selecting for breeding stock those birds in which the parthenogenetic trait is strongest, and



the proportion of "fertile" eggs from virgin hens went from 15 to 30 percent.

"Next year," he forecasts, "there will be embryos all over the place."

THE hens now being used in the investigation are the descendants of a remarkable tom known as Chris. Born in 1953, Chris was originally on the records as a female but, very late for a turkey, began developing big feet and other male characteristics.

He let out his first gobble at the age of 32 weeks—20 weeks past schedule.

Olsen suspects that Chris himself never had a father. That's because Olie, Popeye and the rest of them were also very slow in developing. Not a sign of life appears until the fifth day of incubation, four days later than usual, and the birds aren't ready to hatch until the thirtieth day, which is three or four days beyond normal time.

If Chris actually came from an unfertilized egg, that would explain his retarded development and the mistaken identification. In any event, this laggard gobbler now is as big and vigorous as other three-year-old toms, and his offspring carry more of the parthenogenetic trait than other birds Olsen has studied.

Environment also seems to have a part, though a small one. Anyway, some of the unmated hens are raised where they can see toms; others aren't. The first group—probably as the result of hormonal stimulation—lays a higher proportion of "fertile" eggs.

Of what practical value is all this? May we some day be able to eliminate sex in the turkey business?

Not a chance. The sex chromosomes in turkeys are such that an unfertilized egg can develop into nothing but a male. In other words, all parthenogenetic turkeys have to be toms—and hens will always be needed to lay the eggs from which they hatch.

The opposite would be true in human beings. There the egg, if it developed parthenogenetically, could give rise only to a female, according to genetic theory.

THE Thompsons were delighted with their new clock thermostat, which automatically kept house temperature at 72° during the day and 65° overnight. One Monday Thompson left on a business trip. "Daylight saving time ended yesterday," he told his wife. "But I've reset the clock in the thermostat, so the house will be cozy before you get up."

Two days later he had an urgent phone call. "It turned cold after you left," said his wife. "The house has been chilly ever since. I haven't touched the thermostat, but there isn't enough heat and I'm sure something is wrong."

...How Come?

ANSWER: Thompson had set the clock back one hour the same way he had all the other clocks—by turning it forward 11 hours as recommended. But this put the 65° setting on the day side of the dial, and the 72° setting on the night side. The remedy was to turn the clock an additional 12 hours forward.

BUT Olsen's work does throw new light on an old problem in the turkey industry, which each year incubates 100 million eggs—worth 30 cents apiece—and has to discard 40 million because they do not hatch. The Beltsville research suggests that many of these eggs, even if they contain an embryo, may never have been fertilized.

Meanwhile, what about Olie and Popeye? Well, they died—Olie on Easter Sunday, at the age of 22 days, from an inability to digest

turkey mash; Popeye a few weeks later, aged 18 days, cause unknown.

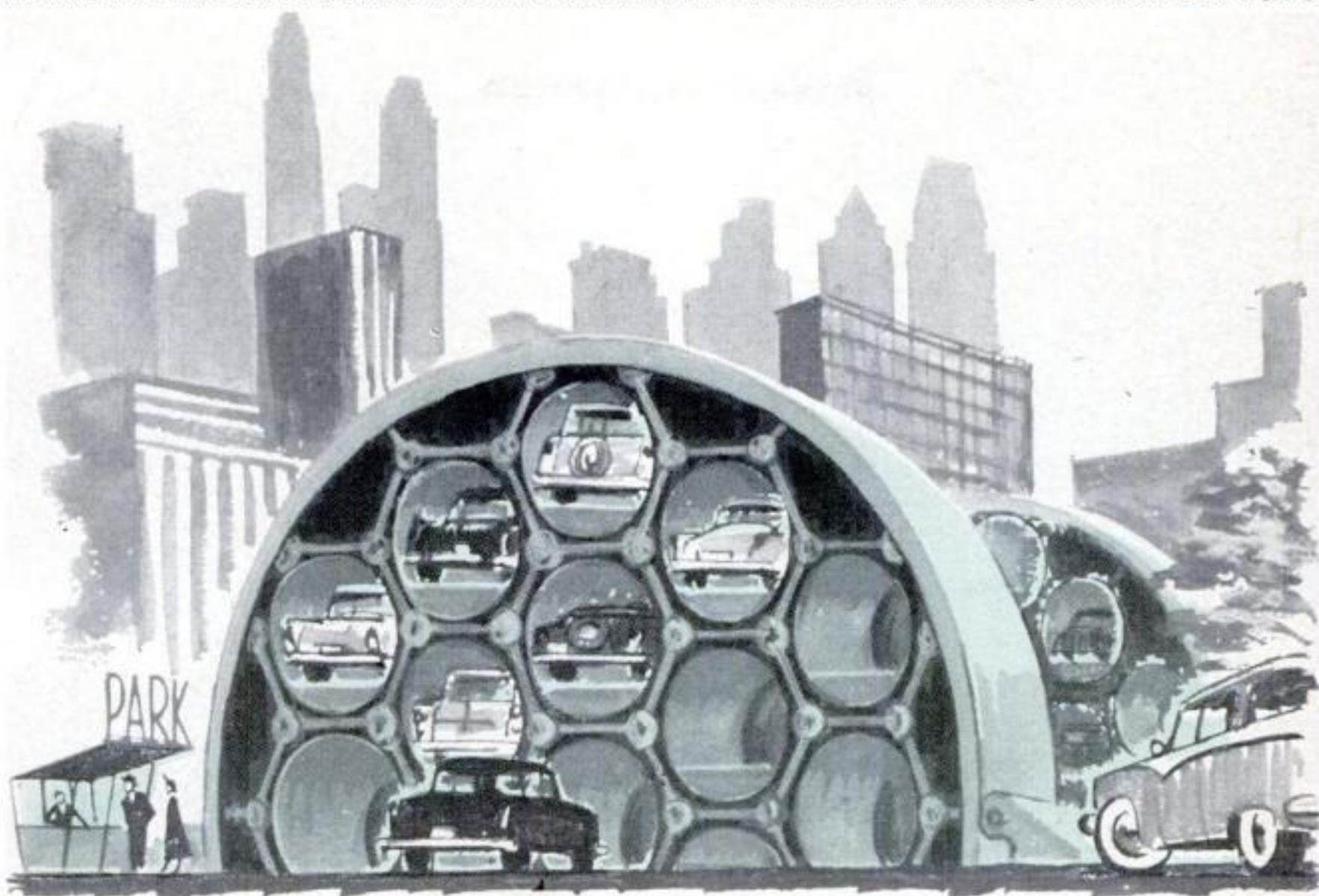
As for the Englishwoman's daughter, at last reports she was thriving but had flunked the crucial skin-grafting test.

Ordinarily, skin taken from one person cannot be successfully grafted on anyone else because the recipient's body sets up a reaction to it as foreign matter. Identical twins, since they developed from the same egg and have the same inheritance, are exceptions. Presumably a parthenogenetic child and her mother should be exceptions, too. But grafts from Monica to Mrs. Jones and from her to Monica did not hold permanently. So the doctors remain skeptical. END



# New Ideas from the Inventors

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**1 "Ferris Wheel" to Park Cars.** This giant drum, honeycombed with rotating, self-leveling drums, might ease parking jams by stowing cars above and

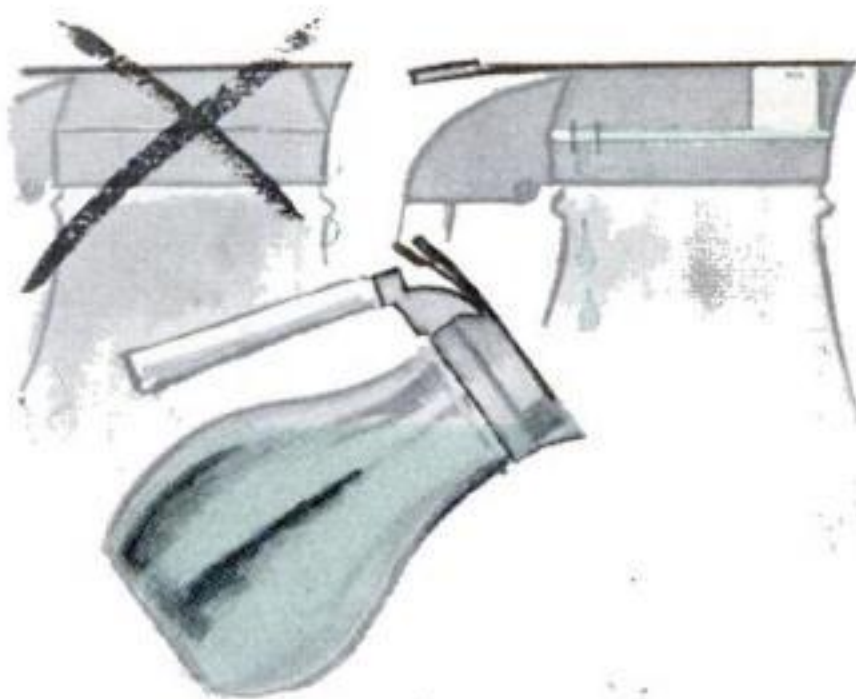
below ground. By turning the outer wheel, an operator could quickly bring any of the parking compartments to ramp level for loading or unloading.

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**2 Fluid to Tighten Wrench.** Instead of being turned by a screw, the sliding jaw of this wrench would be moved by a lever-operated hydraulic pump and pressure-release button. The fluid drive would insure firm gripping and speed the clamping and release action of the jaws.



**3 Syrup Jug to Catch Drips.** When you thumbed back the cover blade and tipped this pitcher, syrup would pour through a spout set slightly back from the lip. Drips left when you righted the jug would flow back in through a baffled opening forward of the spout.



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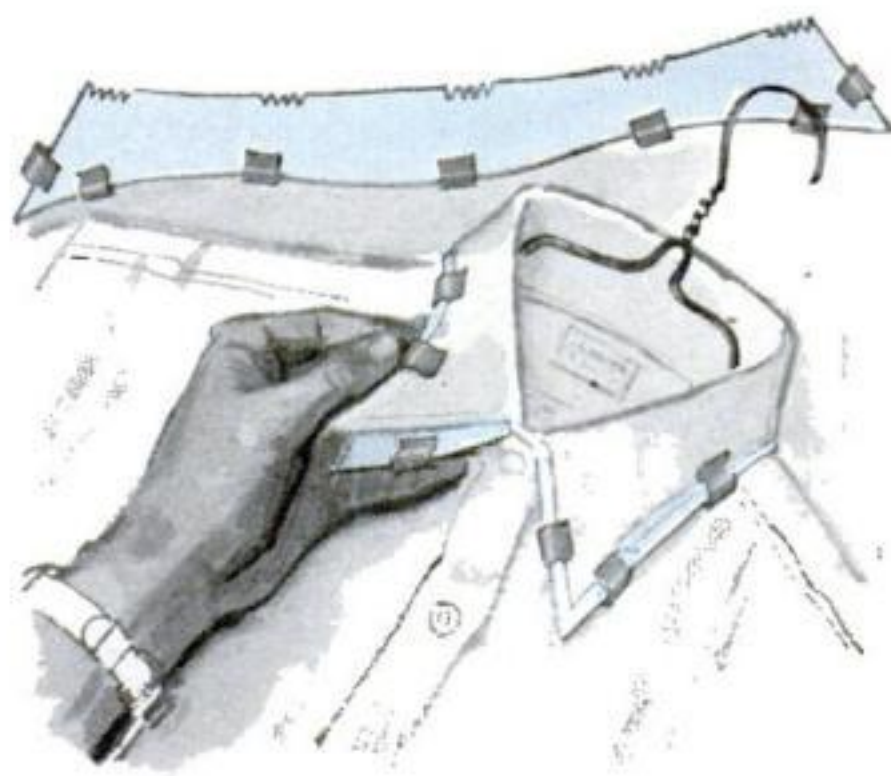
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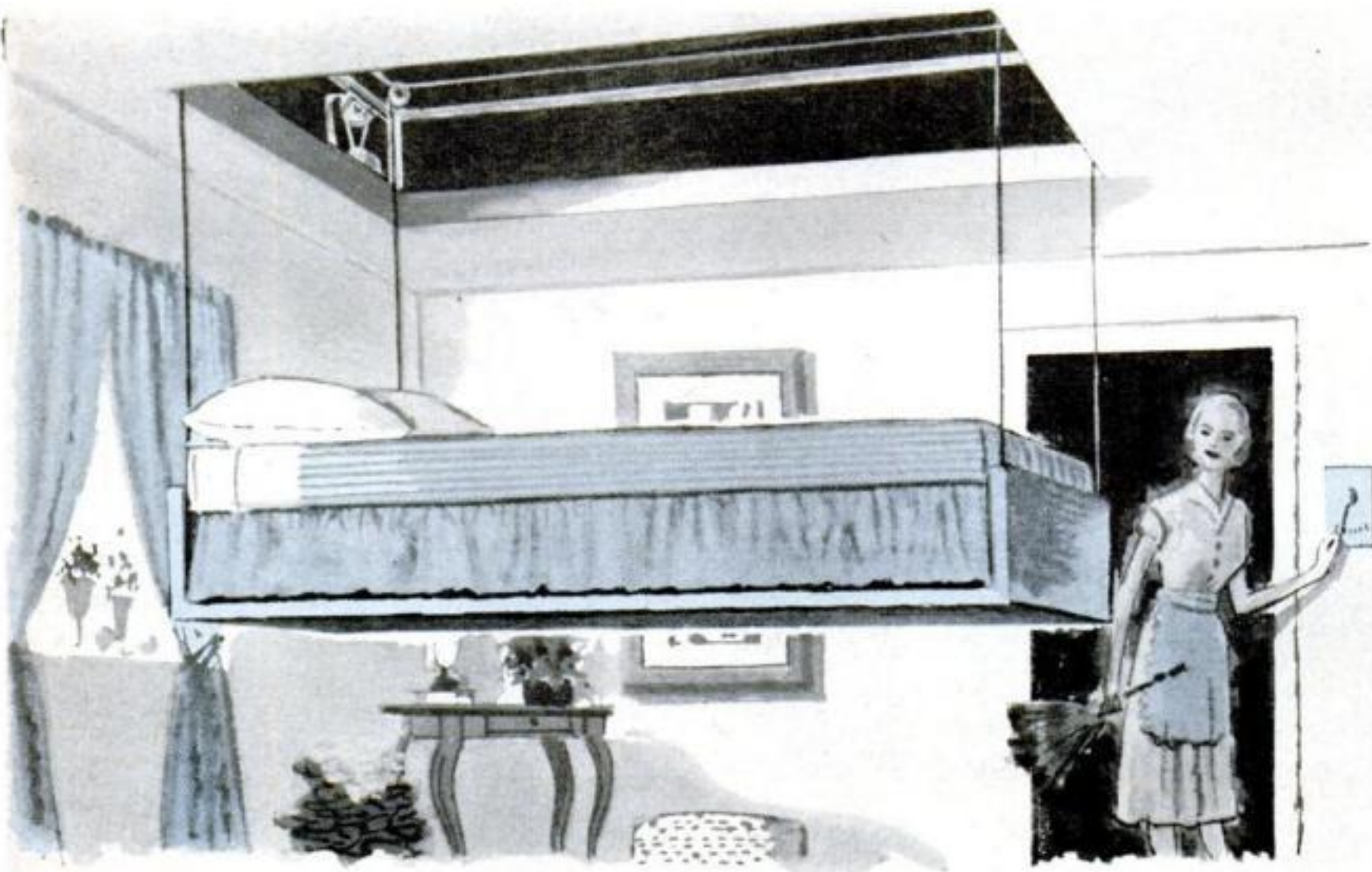
**4 Riding Light to Defrost Mirror.** Attached to a truck or bus, this illuminated side mirror would double as a clearance light. Heat from its bulb—radiated through a network of warm-air channels—would keep the mirror glass free of frost or condensed moisture.



**5 Drying Form to "Iron" Shirt.** If a shirt collar were stretched and clipped into this form while wet, says the inventor, it would dry to a smooth, wrinkle-free appearance. Similar plastic forms could be made to fit cuffs and other hard-to-iron garment shapes.

**7 Bed to Hide in Ceiling.** A guest-room bed occupies space all the time even if it's seldom used. However, a bed that could be power-lifted into an attic would

let you use the room for other purposes. The disappearing bed could also increase the daytime floor space in small but regularly occupied bedrooms.

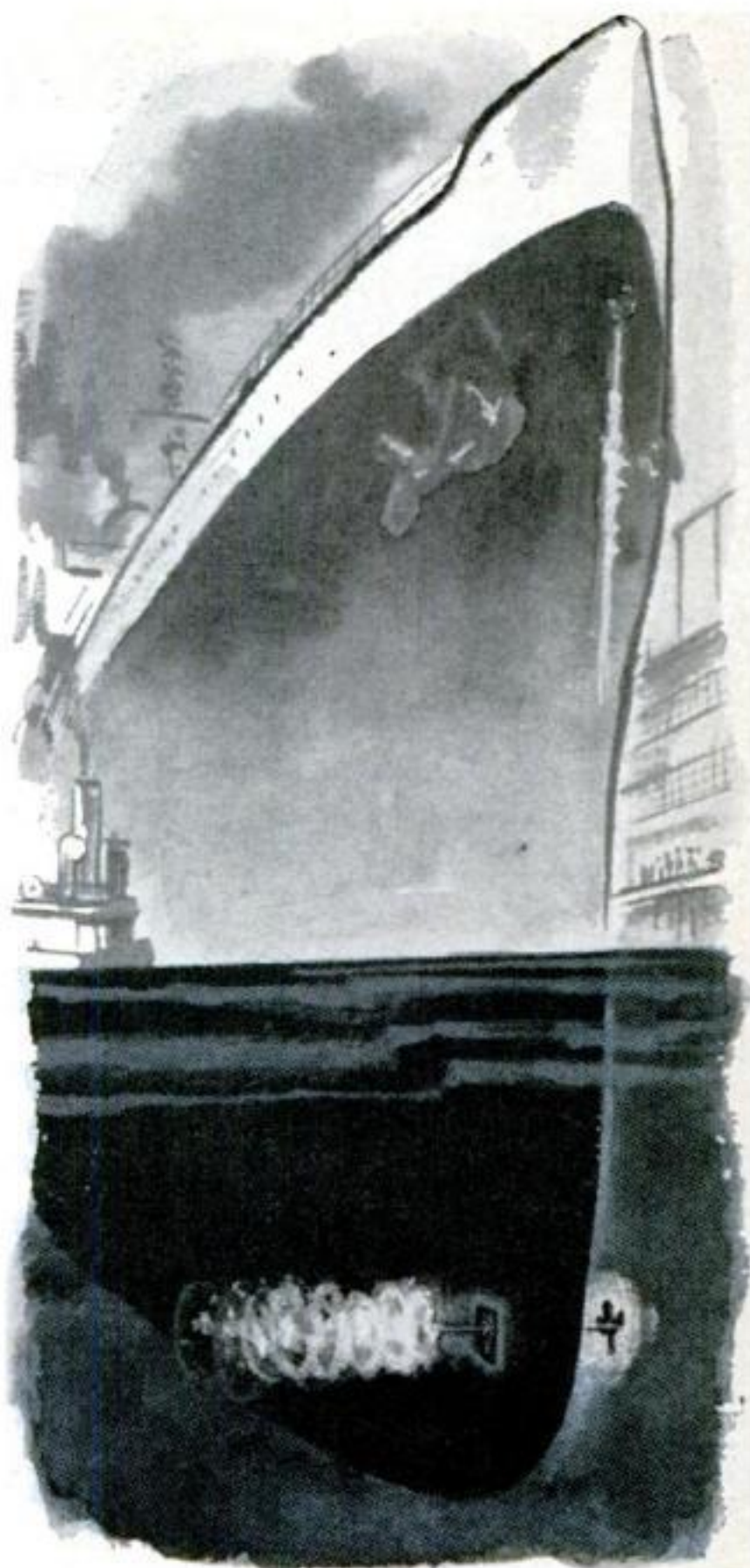
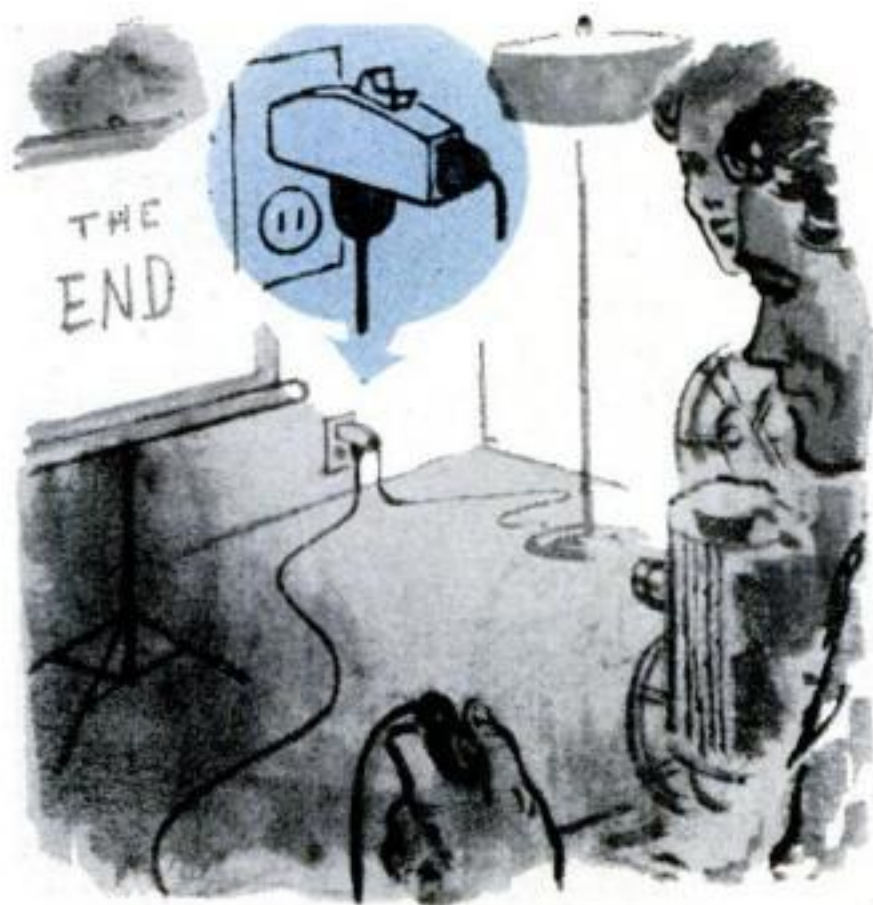






**6 Powered Piston to Raise Hood.** This GM patent on a fluid-pressure hood lifter suggests that front decks may soon join the growing ranks of power-operated car parts. In addition to convenience, the piston lift would assure proper alignment of large, unwieldy hoods.

**8 Cord to Stretch Switch.** With this plug-in remote control you could switch a lamp, movie projector or TV from a distance. Any appliance connected to a wall outlet through the special adapter could be turned on or off as usual; for remote control, you'd plug the extension switch into the adapter.



**9 Bow Props to Berth Ship.** It is difficult to dock a large ship because at low speed the rudder has little effect against tide, wind and currents. This inventor would improve slow, close-quarter maneuvering by retractable screws in forward bulkheads. The bow props would propel and steer the vessel.

The following patents have been issued on these inventions: 1. Patent No. 2,706,054 to Thomas E. Morrison, Los Angeles; 2. No. 2,706,922 to Albert D. Allen, Memphis, Tenn.; 3. No. 2,676,472 to Prisk Paddock, Los Angeles; 4. No. 2,693,589 to William C. N. Hopkins, Portland, Ore.; 5. No. 2,692,710 to Mart E. Lee, Chicago; 6. No. 2,737,254 to George R. Bayley, Flint, Mich.; 7. No. 2,730,213 to Samuel and Emmaline Mason, Orangevale, Calif.; 8. No. 2,706,225 to Claud W. Freeman, Dallas; 9. No. 2,735,393 to Gerald C. White, Macon, Ill.

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# What Women Want in That 'Next House'

THE clear voice of the housewife was raised at a Women's Congress on Housing held recently in Washington. It was agreed that if the men who design and build homes would only pay more attention to women's suggestions, house-keeping would be simplified. Some of the ladies' work-saving ideas are shown here. Also suggested was a "parents' room," isolated from the rest of the house and having its own outside entrance.



**BUILT-IN BINS** for toys in the children's rooms or playroom certainly would be welcomed by any mother, and would teach the youngsters to be orderly. Another idea would put a compartment into the tile alongside the bathtub for boats and other floating toys.



**RAMPS** should replace steps wherever possible. Aside from the convenience of wheeling a heavy shopping cart from garage to kitchen, they

would ease the chore of moving the vacuum cleaner or furniture about. Ramps are easier to keep clean than steps, too, said the ladies.





**SEPARATE COMPARTMENTS** for different types of clothes to be laundered would save time on washday. Placed on the wall above the washing machine and clearly labeled, they would

tell the housewife at a glance which lots should be washed in hot water and which in luke-warm water, and those that required longer or shorter washing cycles than average.

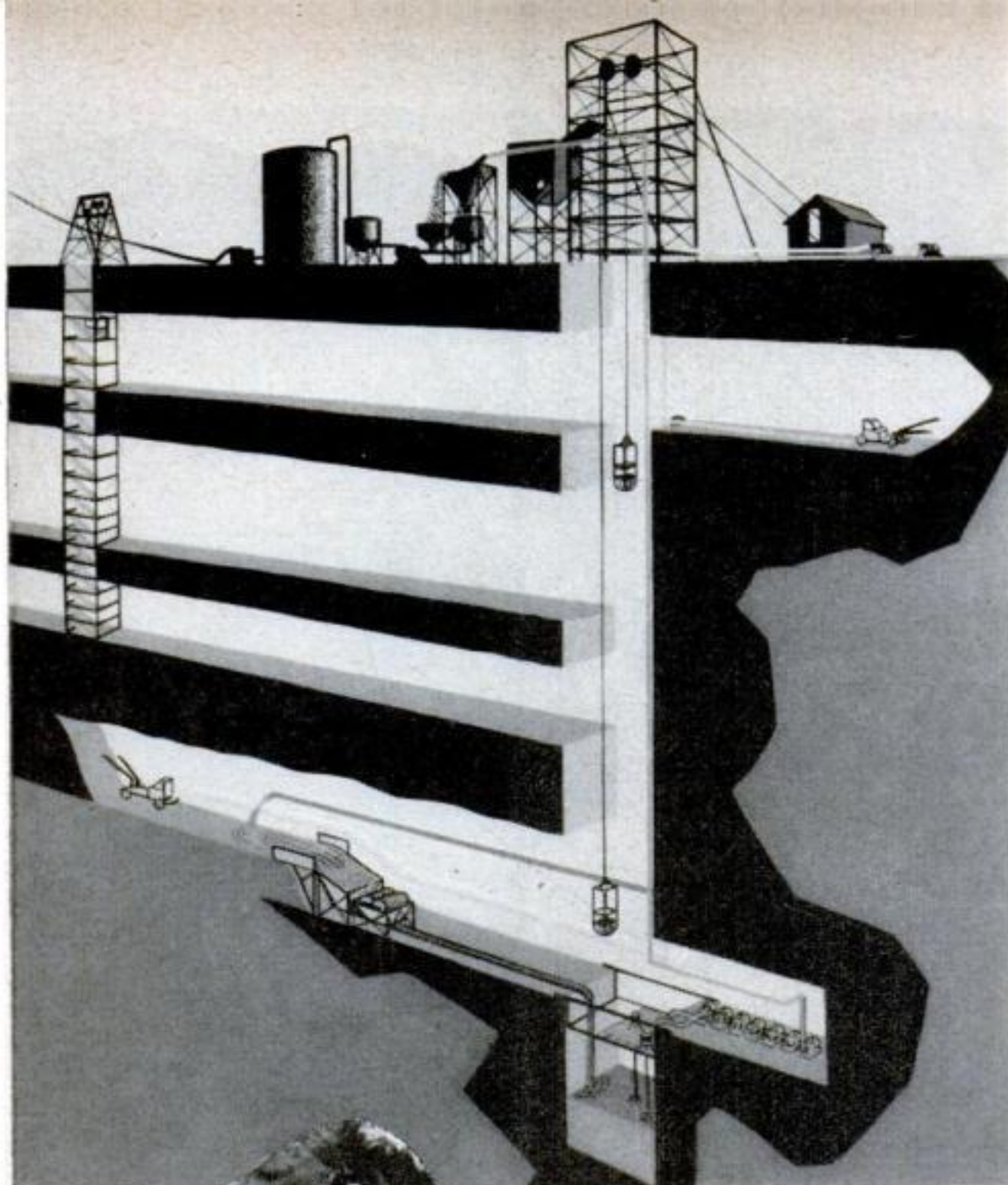


**EASY-TO-CLEAN BATHROOM** would have all fixtures of the type that hang from the wall, leaving an open floor space for mopping. The floor-resting legs or pedestals of a water closet, washbasin, dressing table and other fixtures, say the housewives, present awkward corners that make it much harder to keep a bathroom floor clean.



**ENGINEERED CLOSET** for cleaning equipment and supplies would borrow a home-workshop idea. An outline of each appliance would be marked on a wall to show where it goes. Shelves would be high and deep enough to take gallon containers of polish. The housewife should be able to remove any item without starting an avalanche of mop handles. **END**





**GILSONITE MINE** follows vein of mineral (black shading) straight down. In new mining method, hydraulic machines break ore loose. Water sluices it along horizontal mine tunnels to bottom of vertical shaft, whence it is raised to the surface. At left, below, is sample of the glassy black mineral. It has a specific gravity of only 1.04, making it barely heavier than water.



*Novel mining methods, a pipeline for ore, and a new refining process combine to yield . . .*

# Gasoline from Solid Rock

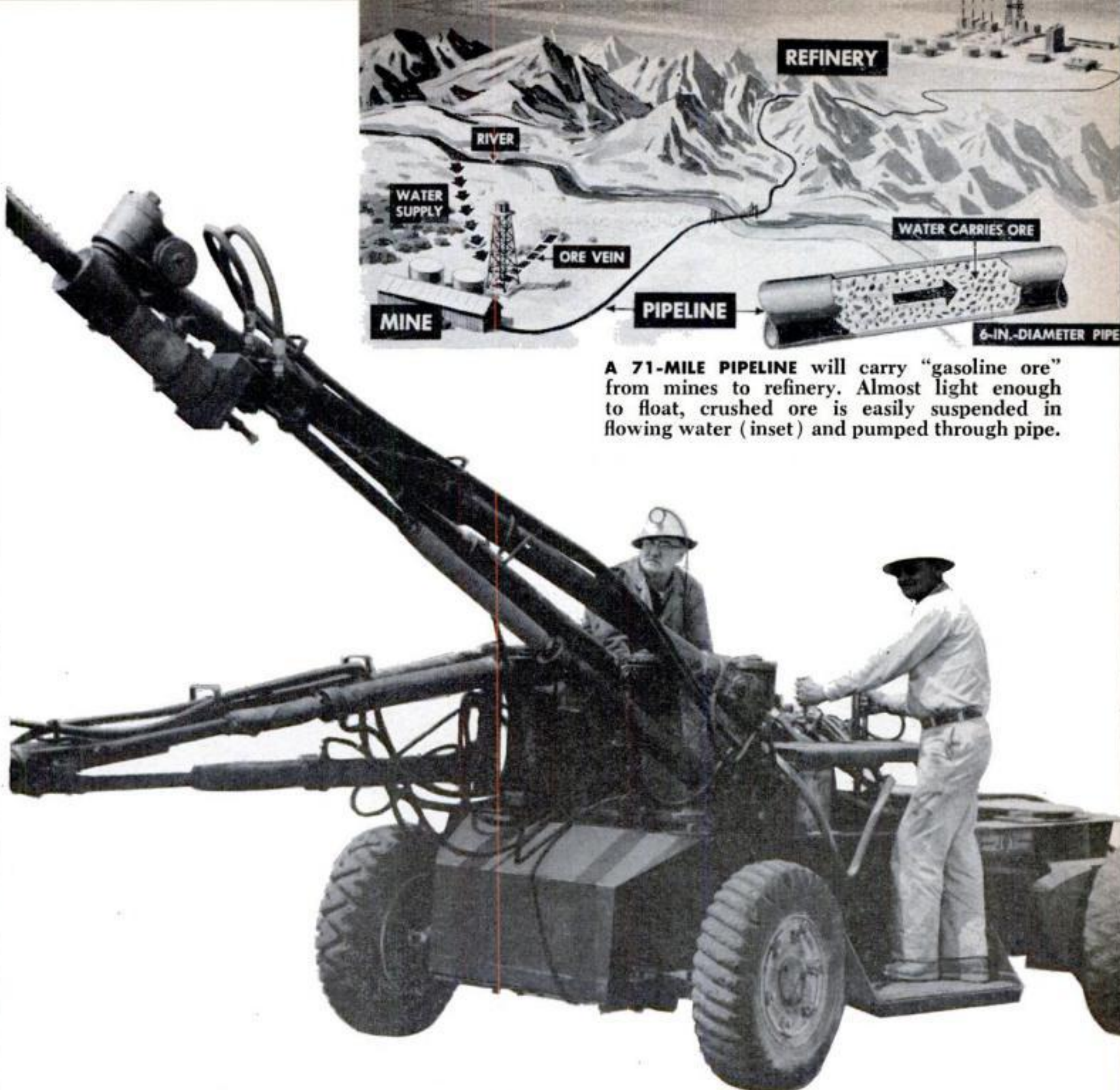
**A** SHINY rock resembling black glass will become a new source of gasoline when a pioneering \$16,000,000 project goes into operation early next year. Undertaken by the American Gilsonite Company of Salt Lake City, Utah, the venture combines innovations in mining, transporting, and using one of

the most curious of all U. S. minerals.

Gilsonite, as the black material is called, is a remarkably pure form of natural asphalt. Solid veins of it measure up to 22 feet wide and extend hundreds of feet deep at Bonanza, Utah.

Pilot-plant trials have now perfected a way to convert this solid hydrocarbon





**A 71-MILE PIPELINE** will carry "gasoline ore" from mines to refinery. Almost light enough to float, crushed ore is easily suspended in flowing water (inset) and pumped through pipe.

**MECHANICAL CUTTER DIGS ORE.** Two movable arms apply rotary cutting spindles, whose spike-

like teeth spout water to keep the ore wet. Entire machine is hydraulically powered and operated.

into high-octane gasoline. The process also yields high-purity coke, valued as a material for the carbon electrodes used in making aluminum.

Unique hydraulic-powered machines have been developed especially to mine the brittle, sooty ore. One, a mechanical cutter, wields rotary cutting spindles bristling with carbide-tipped teeth. Another, a jet cutter, squirts high-pressure water into cracks to break ore loose. Water sluices the broken ore along V notches in mine-tunnel floors to the bottom of a vertical shaft. Then large chunks

are hoisted to the surface, smaller ones pumped aloft with water.

A 71-mile pipeline will carry the mined ore over an 8,500-foot mountain pass and, on suspension bridges, across two gorges to the refinery near Grand Junction, Colo. Gilsonite, crushed first to pea-size lumps or smaller, will be carried along the six-inch-diameter pipe in a stream of water flowing at 200 to 500 gallons per minute. At the refinery, a new "thermal cracking" process will convert the ore to gasoline and coke. —Alden P. Armagnac.





Motor lifeboats from shore caught the split tanker's crewmen as they leaped down from the hulks.

## Ship Died

***Stauncher than ever, the World Concord once more sails the seas—the only vessel in history to be torn in two by the ocean, and stitched together again.***

**I** TURNED around on the bridge," said Capt. Nikolas Athanassiou, "and saw half of my ship disappearing away from me."

The *World Concord*, one of the world's biggest oil tankers, had split cleanly in two.

Bound from Liverpool to Syria, two years ago this month, the two-year-old vessel was sailing through heavy weather at the southern end of the Irish Sea. Huge waves beat at her.

At 1:55 a.m., Nov. 27, 1954, the 58-year-old master heard a strange, chilling sound, almost inaudible against the storm. As he looked backward he beheld a spectacle that, he well knew, had always meant the end of a ship.

For no vessel torn asunder on the open ocean had, in all the centuries of ship-

ping, ever before survived. Of the ships that had split apart at sea, sometimes a part of one had been salvaged, but more often they had simply sunk, or had become drifting derelicts.

But the *World Concord's* story was to have a different ending. Both her fore and aft sections were to be saved. She was to be put back together.

It was a job that involved almost insuperable problems. That these problems were solved makes the tale of the *Concord* unique in sea history.

**Problem:** The weather. Captain Athanassiou at once radioed for help both to rescue his men and for salvage. As he watched the stern first smash into the bow, then gradually vanish into the night, the weather got worse.

Athanassiou and the six men with him





The crewless bow half was driven relentlessly toward a rocky point, which it rammed broadside.

on the drifting, engineless bow were jounced by each wave like ice cubes in a giant cocktail shaker. There was a wild wind, and rain. Heavy seas raged over the deck.

Even the British Admiralty, which is given to understatement, called the weather "unprecedented."

Despite the weather, two tankers, a destroyer, a sloop and an aircraft carrier quickly responded to the *Concord's* calls. In those seas, they dared not, however, draw near the jagged halves of the tanker. Launching lifeboats was way beyond possibility.

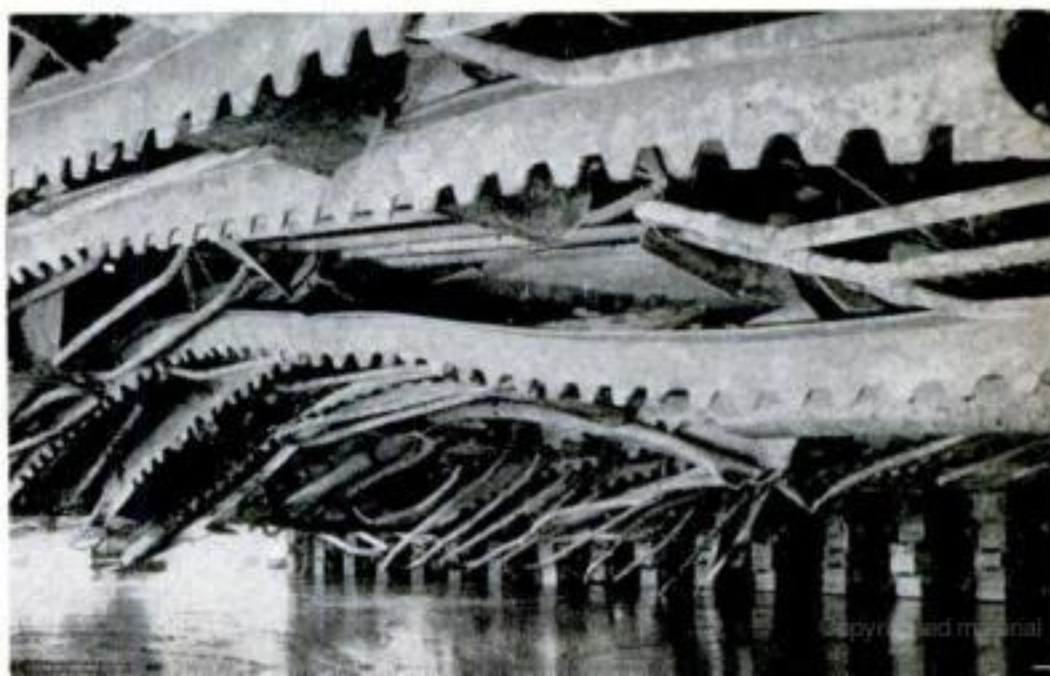
The first job—to rescue the men—was one for shore-based motor lifeboats (PS, July '55, p. 106). Two—one from Wales, one from Eire—came out, got off all the crew. They did it by running close in, time after time, to the sections of the tanker, which they could scarcely see (visibility was about 100 feet), and having the men leap for the lifeboats. Athanassiou and those with him, the last to

be rescued, got off after 30 hours in their cocktail shaker.

**Problem:** There were now two crewless hulks being pitched over the Irish Sea. Each was making the speed of a full-rigged sailing ship with a fair wind behind her.

The hulks were being blown toward a rocky shore. A tanker is rarely free of explosive gas, and the *World Concord* (both halves) was full of it. Once on the rocks, the pounding might touch off

**"THE DAMAGE SURPASSED BELIEF,"** said the *World Concord's* owners when they at last saw the underside of her bow. "From forward to aft on the port side, the whole bottom was missing."





## After long, perilous voyages, the battered halves

sparks that could blow either hulk to smithereens. Any attempt at salvage, therefore, had to be made at once.

Jogging along through the storm that day was *Turmoil*, the late Capt. F. D. Parker commanding. The *Turmoil* is a rescue tug. She has 4,000 hp., displaces 1,630 tons loaded, is 205 feet long and is a deep-sea vessel expressly designed to haul (and save) the heaviest of ships.

Parker heard by radio where the stern of the *World Concord* was. He approached it. He called for volunteers to

tains, as inclined to understatement as the British Admiralty, have described his feat as masterful.

Meantime, the Royal Navy's small (596 tons) vessel *Cautious* attempted to tow the bow. Instead, the bow towed her toward the rocks. At the last minute, the *Cautious* had to slip the tow. The *World Concord's* bow ran aground broadside on the rocks off Ballyquintin Point, Northern Ireland.

**Problem:** To float the bow. After three tries (and three more storms), a salvage crew got aboard. They brought air compressors, sealed the tank vents, and filled the tanks with air. They also blew 6,000 tons of water out of the bottom (now lacerated by the rocks). Constant pressure of compressed air kept water from entering the hull and enabled the bow, 12 days after it grounded, to float free. A precarious bubble, it was towed to Belfast.

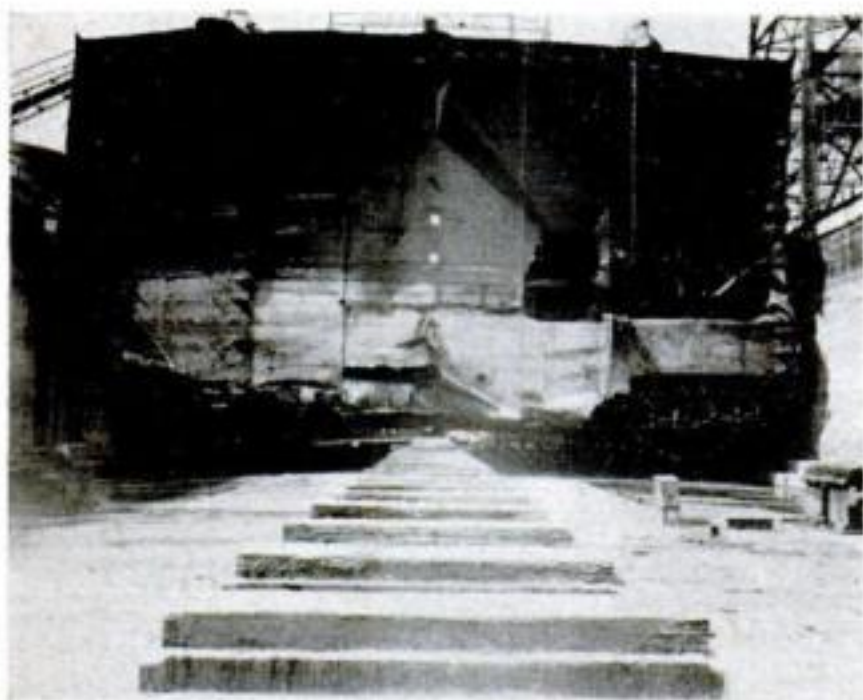
**Problem:** The *World Concord* now enjoyed the undesirable distinction of being in two ports simultaneously: Belfast and Glasgow. She had a further undesirable distinction: Neither wanted her. Their drydocks were not large enough. Or her repairs, if possible at all, would tie up the drydocks too long. Or she might explode—and there were other ships nearby.

The *Concord's* underwriters advertised for bids to put her together again. The lowest bid and the fastest estimated time were submitted, after many weeks, by the Mercantile Marine Engineering and Graving Dock Co., of Antwerp, Belgium.

The *Turmoil* again took the stern in tow. Again she encountered storms that sank other ships. At the end of half a mile of line, the stern veered time and again, like a kite on a string, almost 90 degrees from *Turmoil's* course.

But at the end of 12 days and 1,000 miles—on March 16, 1955—the stern reached Antwerp.

Other tugs, meanwhile, had waited for



**FOUR MONTHS AFTER** the disaster, which had occurred more than 1,000 miles away, the badly damaged bow rested in a Belgian drydock, where it is shown here, photographed from the rear.

board the careening stern, by launch, and got five of them and a towline aboard.

The waves were like moving mountains. The stern dangled a mass of debris. There was always the chance that sparks from clashing metal plates or even from the friction of the towline would explode the hulk.

Parker—trying to keep the stern off the rocks and looking for a lee shore to protect it from the gale—crossed and recrossed the Irish Sea. In 48 hours, traveling 300 miles the way he zigzagged, he got the stern into Glasgow. It was the first time Parker ever had picked up part of a ship at sea. Other tugboat cap-



## reached Antwerp drydock

a favorable weather report and had begun pulling the bow to Antwerp. The bow, still kept afloat by compressed air, like a toy balloon, would have capsized in a light breeze. A capsize would have destroyed the compressed-air bubble on which the bow was riding, the sea would have rushed in, and the bow would have sunk.

The favorable weather did not last. There were three unscheduled stops to take refuge. But after 20 days en route, on March 18 the bow entered Antwerp's harbor.

The *World Concord* now was all in one port, lying before the drydock that would attempt repairs. It was almost four months since she had broken in two.

**Problem:** She wouldn't fit the dock.

The bow section had been bulged out by the pounding on the rocks at Ballyquintin, with the result that it had become three feet wider than normal below the waterline.

Divers, using oxybutane and oxyarc underwater cutting torches, sawed away 40 tons of the protruding metal. The job was especially dangerous because of the jagged steel and the dark water in which the divers worked. They were stopped when it was estimated that there were three inches' clearance between the ship's sides and the drydock.

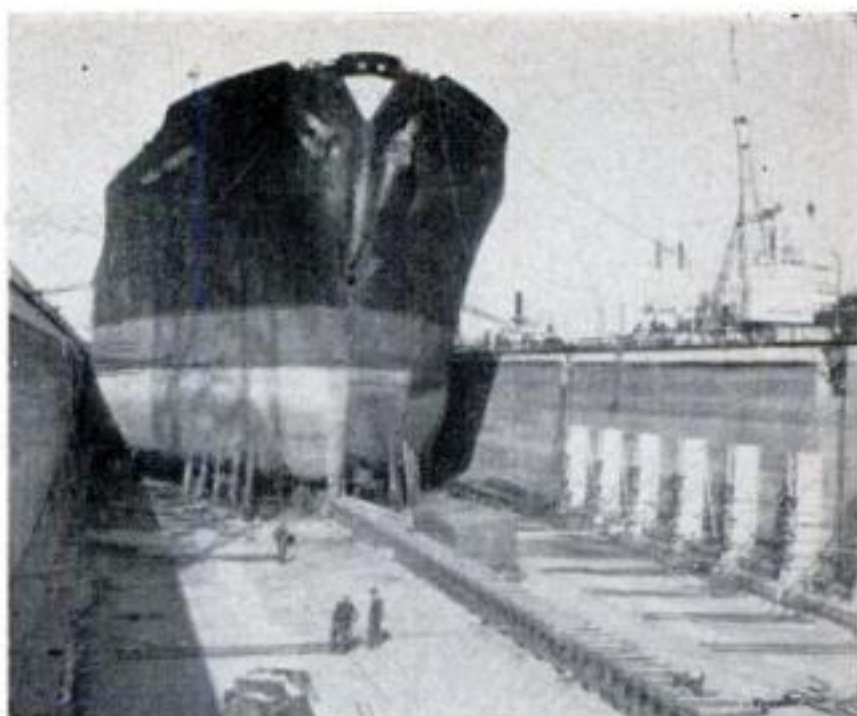
The bow was floated into the dock, and this estimate was found to be high. The actual clearance was 1½ inches.

**Problem:** As soon as the bow was floated into the dock, one of the worst messes in ship-repairing history occurred.

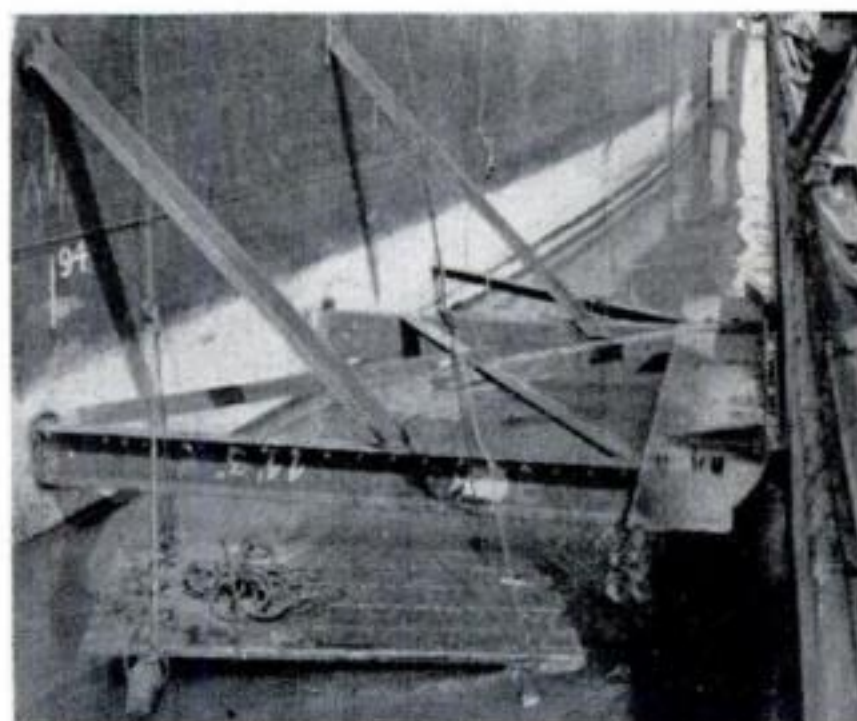
First, the bow collapsed the shoring that was supposed to support it and nestled right down on the bottom of the drydock.

Almost simultaneously, the *Concord's* fuel tanks began to rain down a storm of oil onto the scraps of shoring. The leaking tanks reeked with highly explosive petroleum fumes.

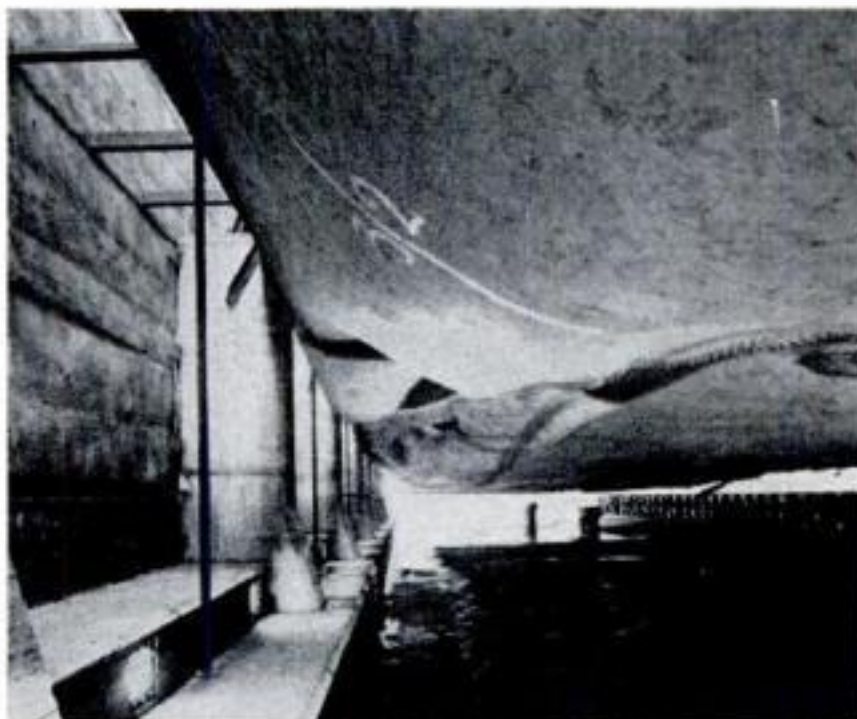
All repair work on the ship had to be



**WHEN SHORING COLLAPSED**, the tanker's bow had to be supported in a surer way. Sixteen tall concrete pillars were built along the walls of the drydock (above, right), eight to a side.

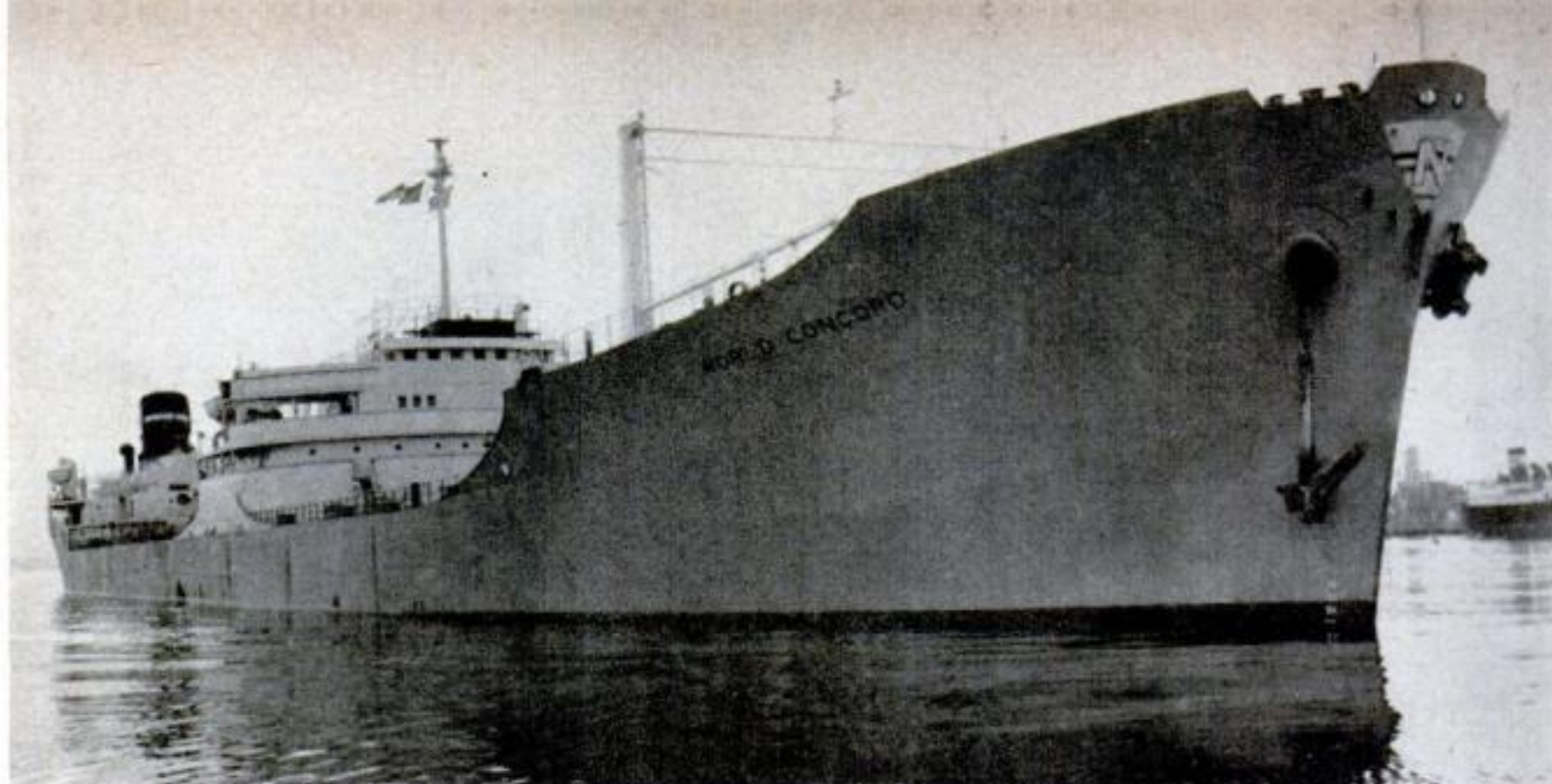


**TO FIT OVER CONCRETE SUPPORTS**, heavy steel brackets were welded onto both sides of the bow, which had to be refloated and edged in so that the brackets would cap the supports.



**A NEW BOTTOM** was needed for the bow, requiring prefabricated sections of steel. None were to be had in Europe, so the shipyard had to weld some—up to 24 tons in size—from flat bars.





Nine months after she broke in two, World Concord was whole again and better than before.

stopped until the mess was cleaned up.

An oil-separation barge came and removed the oil left in the ship—plus 80 tons of sludge from the dock.

The fuel tanks were cleared of fumes.

New concrete supports to replace the smashed shoring were built along the sides of the drydock. The bow was actually occupying the front, or open end, of the dock; the supports were built farther along toward the back end. To fit over the concrete supports, steel brackets were welded onto both sides of the bow. Then the bow had to be refloated and edged in so that the brackets would cap the new supports. In view of the fact that the bow cleared the drydocks by a total of only an inch and a half, and the bow, when floating, was still held up only by compressed air, any vibration from other work in the shipyard could have unsettled everything. So the work of moving the bow was done on Sunday.

**Problem:** As the bow was nudged slowly forward, it became apparent that the drydock's sides were not parallel.

This necessitated much cutting (where the dock's sides curved in toward the ship) and shimming (adding planks where the dock's sides curved away). But by four p.m. on that Sunday—it was now May 14—the bow had been gotten into place. At last the bottom was accessible, and men could get underneath to have a look and plan its repair.

**Problem:** There was no ship's bottom to be repaired.

"The damage surpassed belief," reported the *World Concord's* owners. "From forward to aft on the port side, the whole bottom was missing."

If this had been known from the start, the bow would have been junked and a new one built. But now a new bottom, composed of prefabricated sections of steel, had to be put on.

**Problem:** No prefab sections were available.

The British shipyard that had built the *Concord* could not supply them in time. No one on the continent of Europe made them to the proper specifications.

So the Antwerp shipyard had to weld together flat bars of steel to make its own. Sections as large as 24 tons were thus specially made. A 60-ton erection derrick was placed on the deck of the *Concord* to lower them into place.

Then the stern section was moved into the drydock, behind the bow; a new bottom section was put on the stern; and preparations were made for welding together the two halves.

**Problem:** It was now discovered that during the day the heat of the sun expanded the deck three-quarters of an inch in length, while dimensions at the bottom, which was in the shade, were not affected.

This meant that the welding had to be done at night. On a Saturday night all the first-class welders in Antwerp were assembled. Each was assigned a short

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HOLY  
BIBLE

REVISED  
STANDARD  
VERSION

NELSON

# The Machine That Indexed The Bible

*Teaching their giant electronic moron a special numbers game, engineers beat the time of scholars by more than 20 years.*

**By Gardner Soule**

**Y**OU'LL be able to buy, next spring, the first dictionary ever produced by a machine. The book—a fat volume of 2,000 pages—is the Concordance to the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

Its compiler is Univac, Remington Rand's biggest electronic computer.

A concordance is an alphabetical index that lists each key word in a book and tells you where to find it. With each word, the concordance lists a quotation:

the phrase or sentence in which the word occurs.

The last previous complete concordance to a Protestant Bible was that of James Strong, published in 1894. Strong took 30 years to index the King James version.

A new concordance was necessary to the Revised Standard Version because in it there have been a number of changes in words and wordings to make the Bible more understand-

**AT CONTROL PANEL**, experts direct electronic computer that, at the speed of light, made latest concordance to the Bible.

able to modern readers. At the speed of light, Univac took 1,200 to 1,300 hours—instead of 30 years—to make the new index.

Speed was the big reason Univac was given the job. Another reason, from Remington Rand's point of view, was to open up a new field—the indexing of English text—to an electronic computer that had pre-





viously handled mathematical problems almost exclusively.

For all its one to over two million parts—depending on the size of the Univac a purchaser orders—the electronic computer is not, Remington Rand insists, a giant brain.

"It is," says Dr. Grace Murray Hopper of the company, "an extremely fast moron."

"It will, at the speed of light, do exactly what it is told to do—no more, no less."

**T**HE man who first thought Univac might be told to make the concordance was the Rev. John W. Ellison, today 36.

Ellison, preparing for the Episcopalian ministry at Harvard, was of course drilled in the Bible. But unlike many divinity students, he also studied math—because he liked it.

At Harvard, Ellison saw Biblical scholars—"men with two or three doctor's degrees apiece"—sitting around sorting and comparing Biblical words.

His knowledge of math suggested to him that sorting and comparing was essentially a mathematical job. If, he figured, the words could be coded—changed into numbers—an electronic computer could compile a concordance without human errors.

Ellison took a day and half to draft a one-and-a-half page letter to Remington Rand telling how, in his opinion, Univac might go about making the concordance.

Remington Rand looked around for men to handle the project. You might have expected the company to select a matured executive with years of experience. This is exactly what it did not do. "An electronic computer," they tell you at Remington Rand, "violates all the rules of electronic engineering. By 40, you know the rules too well."

**T**HEIR eyes fell upon John Graham, 27, and Al Bosgang, 25. Graham planned the overall steps of the job. Bosgang took the steps and programmed the major runs. This means that Bosgang

gave Univac its instructions; he was the man who told the machine how to make the concordance.

First step, the men knew, was to prepare the Bible so Univac could read it.

If Univac were a giant brain, like yours, they would simply have handed it a copy of the Bible.

But Univac, a moron, reads only one thing: metal magnetic tape.

The Bible therefore had to be put onto the tape. This was a typing job. Five girls, working in turns, hammered away on special typewriters, called Unitypers. It took the girls five months to transfer the approximately 800,000 words of the Bible onto four rolls of tape.

Even Univac's ability to read tape is extremely limited. It can read only figures, and then only two figures: 0 and 1.

When Univac startles the world by solving extremely complicated mathematical problems, it is only adding or subtracting 0's and 1's.

Therefore, the Bible appeared on the magnetic tape as a series of 0's and 1's. Different combinations of these two figures stood for each letter and punctuation mark in the Bible.

**S**INCE Univac, the moron, has no way of correcting a typing mistake, another set of tapes containing the Bible was made for checking. Ten other girls typed the Bible onto punched cards. These punched cards were fed into a machine called the Card-to-Tape Converter. From the cards, the converter transferred the contents of the Bible to four rolls of tape.

Now Univac itself, for the first time, went to work. Both sets of tapes were fed into it, and Univac compared the two sets of figures for discrepancies. This took five hours.

The mistakes were corrected, and a single, accurate set of four tapes containing the Bible resulted.

Next thing needed was a list of all the words in the Bible, giving each word and its location: book, chapter, verse, line, and place of word in the line.

A set of instructions was drawn up to



## Like a Biblical scholar, Univac records complete quotations from Bible

SLOW TO A., AND ABOUNDING IN	JOE	2.13
AND HIS A. TORE PERPETUALLY, AND HE	AMO	1.11
REPENT AND TURN FROM HIS FIERCE A.,	JON	3.09
SLOW TO A., AND ABOUNDING IN		4.02
AND IN A. AND WRATH I WILL EXECUTE	MIO	5.15
NOT RETAIN HIS A. FOR EVER BECAUSE		7.18
THE LORD IS SLOW TO A. AND OF GREAT	NAM	1.03
WHO CAN ENDURE THE HEAT OF HIS A.?		1.06
WAS THY A. AGAINST THE RIVERS, OR	HAB	3.08
DIDST TRAMPLE THE NATIONS IN A.,		3.12
UPON YOU THE FIERCE A. OF THE LORD,	ZEP	2.02
INDIGNATION, ALL THE HEAT OF MY A.;		3.08
"MY A. IS NOT AGAINST THE SHEPHERDS,	ZEC	10.03
AND IN A. HIS LORD DELIVERED HIM TO	MT	18.34
AND HE LOOKED AROUND AT THEM WITH A.,	MK	3.05
HOUSEHOLDER IN A. SAID TO HIS	LK	14.21
A., SELFISHNESS, SLANDER, GOSSIP,	2CO	12.20
A., SELFISHNESS, DISSENSION, PARTY	GAL	5.20
LET THE SUN GO DOWN ON YOUR A.,	EPH	4.26
AND WRATH AND A. AND GLAMOR AND		4.31
DO NOT PROVOKE YOUR CHILDREN TO A.,		6.04
A., WRATH, MALICE, SLANDER, AND FOUL	COL	3.08
HANDS WITHOUT A. OR QUARRELING;	1TI	2.08
BEING AFRAID OF THE A. OF THE KING;	HEB	11.27
HEAR, SLOW TO SPEAK, SLOW TO A.,	JAS	1.19
FOR THE A. OF MAN DOES NOT WORK THE		1.20
UNMIXED INTO THE CUP OF HIS A.,	REV	14.10

ANGERED	DEU	1.34
WORDS, AND WAS A., AND HE SWORE,	EZ	5.12
OUR FATHERS HAD A. THE GOD OF	PS	106.32
THEY A. HIM AT THE WATERS OF		

ANGLE	2CH	26.09
AT THE VALLEY GATE AND AT THE A.,	NEU	2.10
THE ASCENT TO THE LEBRON AT THE		

**BIGGEST PROBLEM** of the entire job was to make sure that the electronic computer put down complete quotations you would recognize. How well this was done is shown by the list above of sample entries for the concordance under the word "anger."

tell Univac how to compile this list. Like everything else Univac reads, the directions were put on magnetic tape. They were fed into Univac's memory.

This memory is the most amazing part of Univac, and is the thing that makes people call it, wrongly, a giant brain. It is that part of an electronic computer that receives, and retains, instructions.

The memory consists of a series of channels (like arteries and veins) with mercury circulating in each channel. Electronic pulses circulating through the mercury (like the pulse at your wrist) carry the instructions. The pulses in each channel tell Univac what to do with a particular combination of 0's and 1's.

Back into Univac went the four corrected rolls of tape containing the Bible. Out flowed the list of words and information about each, on 63 rolls of tape. It took Univac 50 hours to compile the list—a list that would have filled 5,000 printed pages.

But there are many words in the Bible no one will ever look up. Examples: "a," "the," "is," "to." There are, Rev. Ellison concluded, 131 such words—and these words actually make up 59.6 percent of the contents of the Bible.

Instructions were prepared to tell Univac how to throw out the useless words, and put the others into a new list.

**BACK** into Univac went the 63 tapes containing all the words of the Bible. Out came 26 tapes containing the important words—the key words. It took Univac 10 to 15 hours to reduce the tapes from 63 to 26.

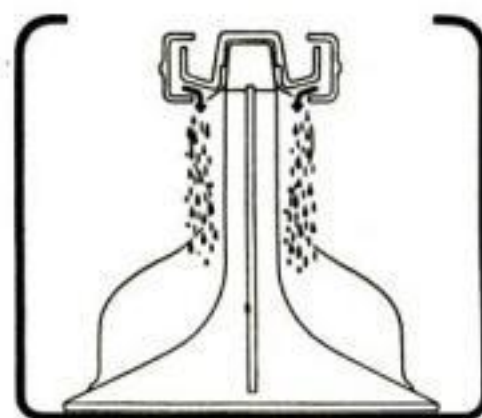
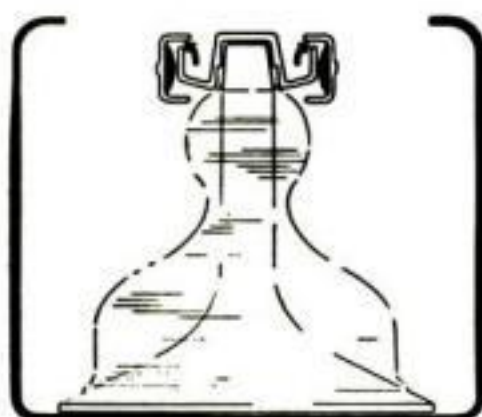
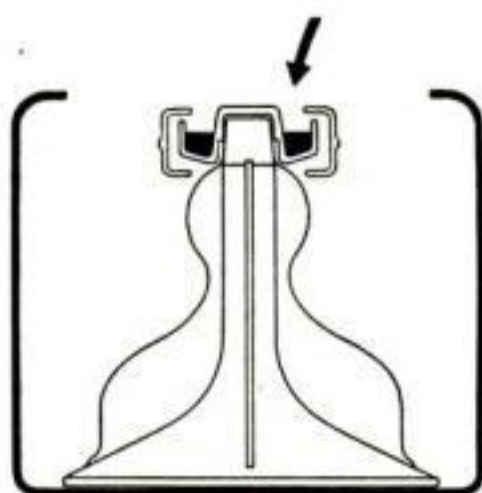
Now two sets of tapes were on hand: (1) four reels, containing an accurate Bible; (2) 26 reels, containing all key words plus their locations.

The problem—the most complicated of all—was how to tell Univac to list the exact quotation in which each key word

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# New Aids to Living

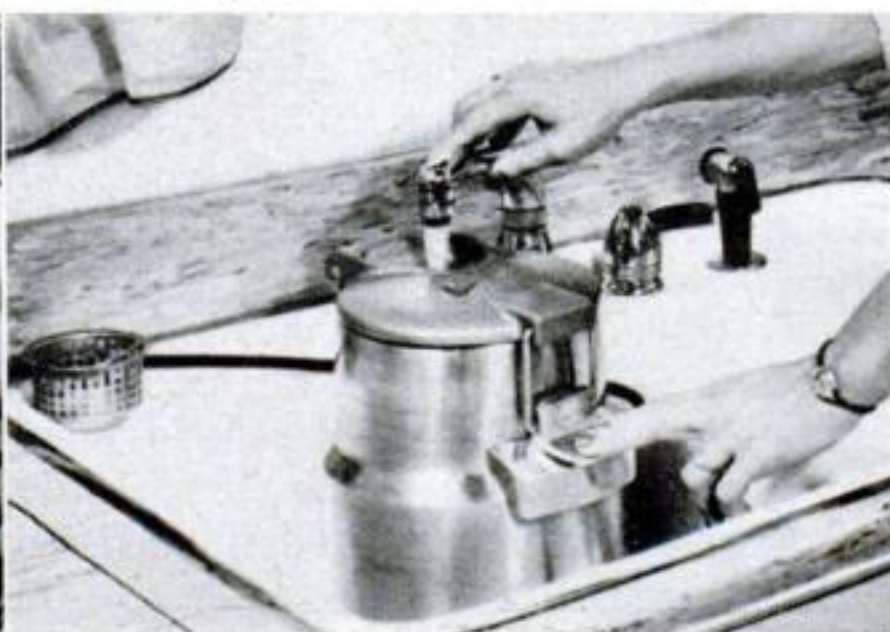


**1 Dispenser wheel** eliminates extra trips to the washer to add water softener to the rinse. The softener, poured in when the washer is loaded (top diagram), climbs the sides of the cup to an

outer container (center) as the agitator spins. Centrifugal force holds it there until the rinsing cycle when it falls through (bottom). The wheel fits all Norges and is standard on 1957 models.

**2 Portable waste disposer** requires no special plumbing. Just plug it into an outlet and a steady stream of water from the faucet washes pulverized bones,

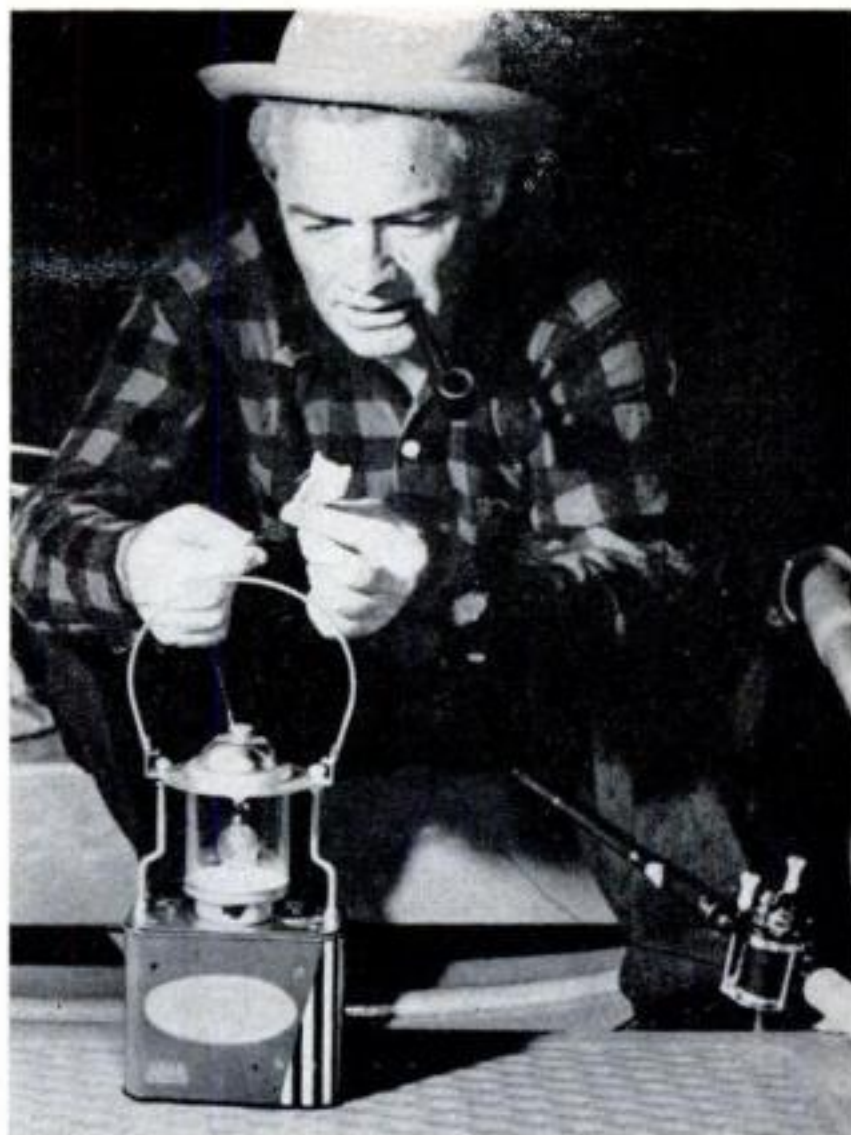
corncobs and other scrap down the drain. The unit won't operate if the lid is open, and it stops instantly if a knife or other metal object falls in. It costs \$89.95.







**3 Kit converts windows** so sash lifts out for washing. Metal strips screwed to the frame lock in the window and weatherstrip it, too. A catch releases upper and lower sash for quick and easy removal.



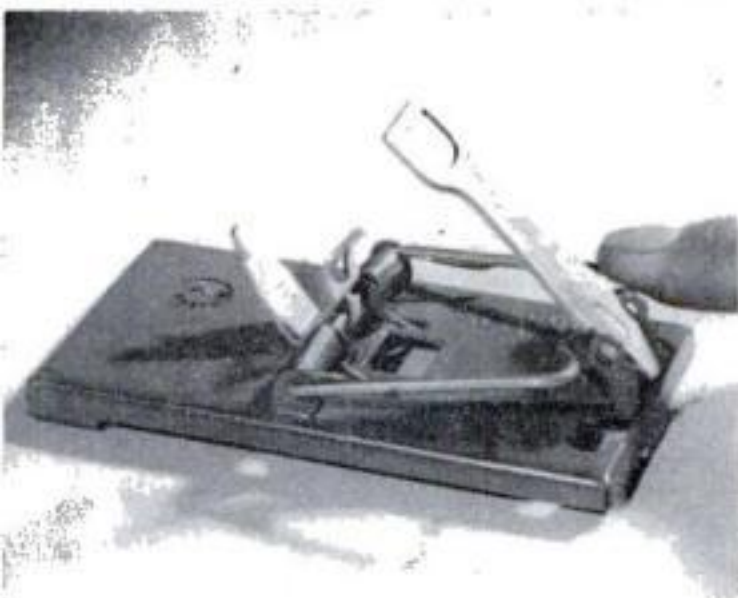
**4 Sportsman's lantern** perches piggy-back on its power pack, held in place by two screw caps. The new two-in-one dry cell is said to last four times as long as ordinary lantern batteries.

*More information about the products shown on these pages can be obtained from: 1. Norge Div., Borg-Warner Corp., Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago 54; 2. Free Sewing Machine Co., 336 N. Foothill Rd., Beverly Hills, Calif.; 3. Winsel Mfg. Co., 727 Allegheny Ave., Oakmont, Pa.; 4. Burgess Battery Co., Freeport, Ill.; 5. Patented Products Co., 214 E. 41st St., NYC 17; 6. Sheldon Sporting Goods Co., 270 Lafayette St., NYC 12; 7. Childlore Co., 331 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City 8, Mo.*

**5 Safer mousetrap** won't accidentally nip the person who sets it. The trigger arm, more precisely hinged than on most traps, drops down over the release with a self-cocking action. Being made of steel, the trap does not retain any odors.

**6 Chemical blotter** has a thirst for oil and grease. Sprinkled over spots on cement, tile or linoleum floors, then swept up, it takes stains with it. Set out in open containers in basements or closets, it drinks up moisture, halts mildew.

**7 Furniture coaster** can support a grand piano and not leave a mark on the carpet. More than 100 tapered plastic teeth push aside the pile without crushing the fibers. Weight is distributed over the cup so that the teeth never pierce the backing.





# Gus Joins the Rescue Squad



*A rumor, like a fire, proves a lot easier*

**By Martin Bunn**

GUS WILSON, after a hard day in the Model Garage, was in bed when he heard the fire sirens. A strong wind was blowing, and Gus decided it must be a chimney fire. He was almost asleep when the phone rang.

"Mr. Wilson—" the voice was on the edge of hysteria—"this is Amelia Brown. They're saying my son, Tommy, set fire to the creamery."

"What!" said Gus. "But Amelia—what can I do about it?"

"I know," Mrs. Brown said apologetically. "I guess I'm all flustered. You see, it's an awful fire and Mike Pagett is trapped in the ice tower. Tommy phoned me about it and said I should call you. You know, Tommy hasn't any father . . ."

"Where are you, Amelia?" Gus's voice was sharp. "Where's Tommy?"

"I'm at home. I don't know where Tommy is. The police called . . ."





*Looking upward, they  
saw the youngster clinging  
to the moving conveyor,  
already out of reach.*

words, yet vaguely understood. A fatherless boy who had been forced to help his mother scramble for a living ever since he had been in knee pants might turn in time of trouble to a man who had given him an occasional word of encouragement through the years.

WHEN Gus drove up to the creamery he was appalled by the sight. The old wooden structure was a mass of flames. Every piece of fire-fighting equipment in town was gouting water into the inferno. A crowd of onlookers was milling about and Officer Jerry Corcoran had his troubles keeping the way clear for the firemen. Fire Chief Captain Jerome Maloney was directing operations in a voice that rose to a bellow above the wind and crackling flames.

"It's bad, Gus," Jerry Corcoran said as Gus fought through to his side. "Mike Pagett's trapped up there."

Gus's eyes followed Jerry's pointing finger, to where a small building was perched high above the roof of the creamery on wooden stilts. Gus knew its purpose. Behind where he stood was the ice-making plant of the creamery. Here huge ice cakes were made, crushed and sent up to the ice tower by an endless conveyor belt, which was mounted on a wooden, spidery structure. The crushed ice was dumped into a vat in the high building where Mike Pagett was trapped. Sheet-iron tubes led down to

***to start than stamp out.***

"Stay where you are until you hear from me," Gus said, leaping out of bed. "I'll go right down to the creamery and see what I can do."

When Gus ran out to his car the wind hit him like a solid wall. There was a red glow in the direction of the creamery. As Gus drove he asked himself why Tommy Brown, of all persons, should have insisted that his mother call Gus Wilson. The answer to this question was one he found that he couldn't put into



various parts of the creamery. By opening these tubes, Mike Pagett, maintenance foreman of the plant, could deliver crushed ice by gravity to all parts of the creamery, for use in packing ice-cream tubs for shipment and other purposes.

"Jerry," Gus said as the situation struck him full force, "we can't just stand here and let a man die. We've got to get Pagett down from there, some way."

"How?" Captain Maloney spat out the

"No," Corcoran agreed, "it doesn't. But Tommy got a bit riled at Mike. Before witnesses he told him he'd like to see him burn. Tommy could face a manslaughter charge. We've got men out now looking for him."

"We can't let Pagett burn," cried Gus. "How about that conveyor chain? Couldn't we send a man up it to Mike?"

"We've thought of that," Captain Maloney said. "I'm not going to trade one

man's life for the bare possibility of saving another. The conveyor only runs one way—up. Even if one of my men could ride it up, how would he get down again with an unconscious man in his arms?"

"We'll see," Gus said, and he was running for the ice plant.



"Watch the pickup on this baby!"

one word. "How, Gus? We didn't know he was up there until he appeared at the window. The roof below the ice tower was already aflame. We tried to put ladders up to him but it's too high—and too hot. We shot a rope up there but by that time Pagett had collapsed."

Maloney leaped to where firemen were directing twisting, writhing hoses toward the ice tower.

"WHAT about Tommy Brown?" Gus asked Corcoran.

"Tommy quit school last week," Corcoran said, "so he could take a full-time job here. Tommy was green at the work, I guess, and Mike Pagett's an impatient man. He fired Tommy this morning. I guess it hit the kid pretty hard, Gus."

"That doesn't necessarily mean he set fire to the place," Gus protested.

veyor belt. The motor began to hum and the endless conveyor belt started clacking away on its sprocket wheel.

Gus stooped and removed the cover from the wiring junction box at the base of the motor, and inspected the metal number tags on the wires. Maloney came to join him.

"If you send a man up on the conveyor," Gus told him, "I can switch the wiring on this motor and reverse the direction of its rotation. That will make the conveyor run down instead of up."

"Are you sure, Gus?" Maloney asked doubtfully. "If I send a man up into that inferno, there won't be any time for fiddling around with wires. Once he dives in after Pagett we'll have to get him down, and fast."

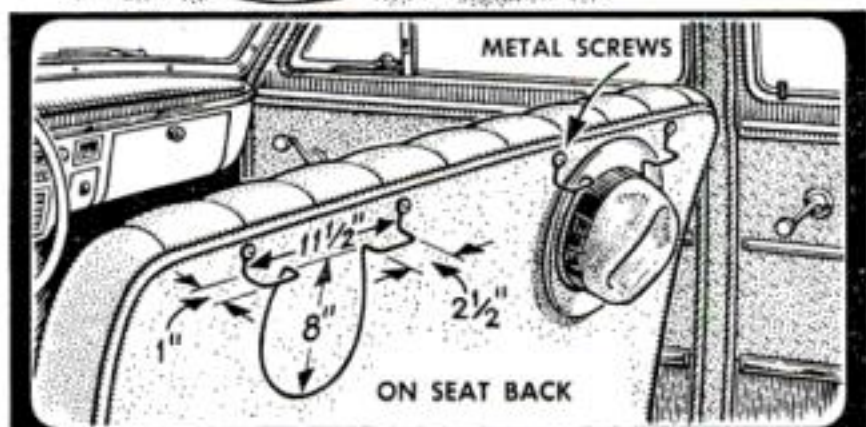
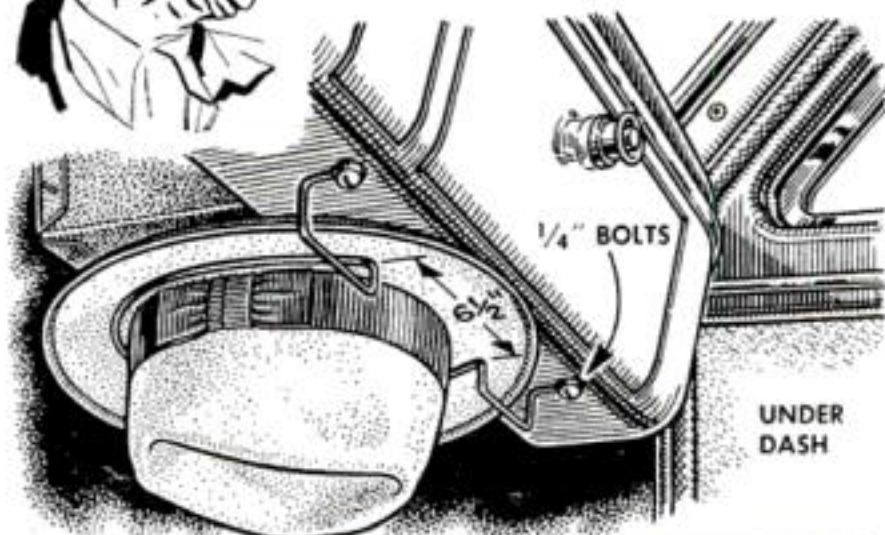
"We will," Gus said grimly, "if the

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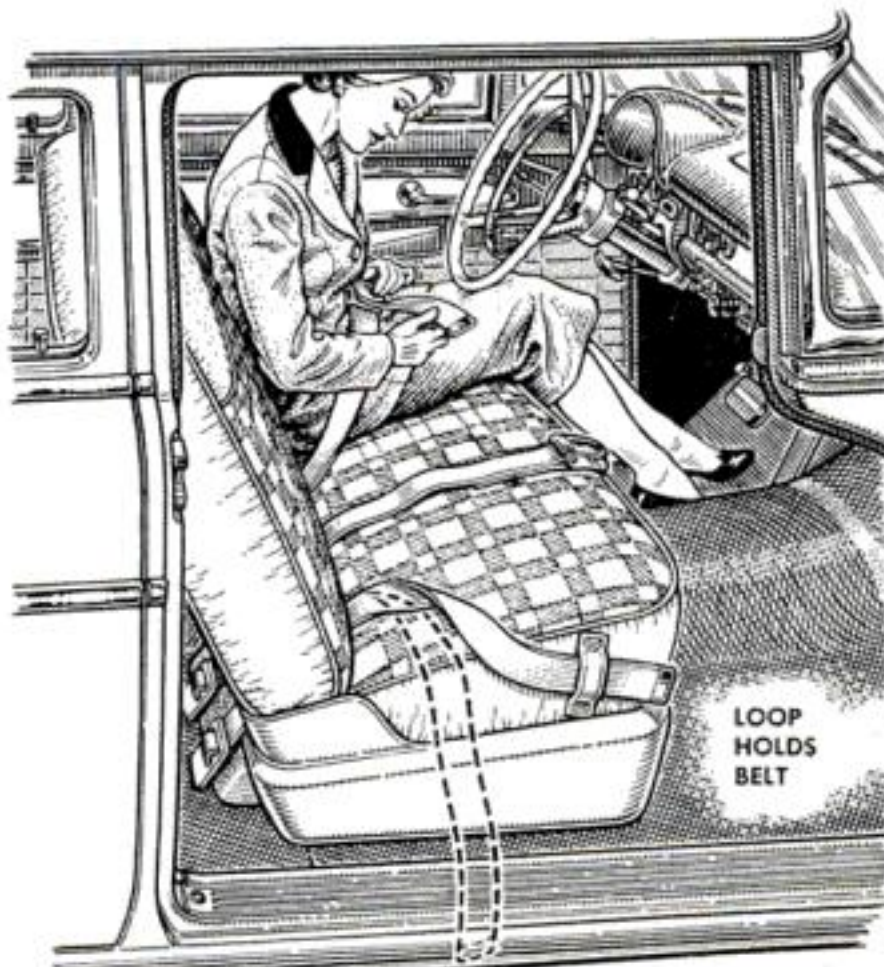




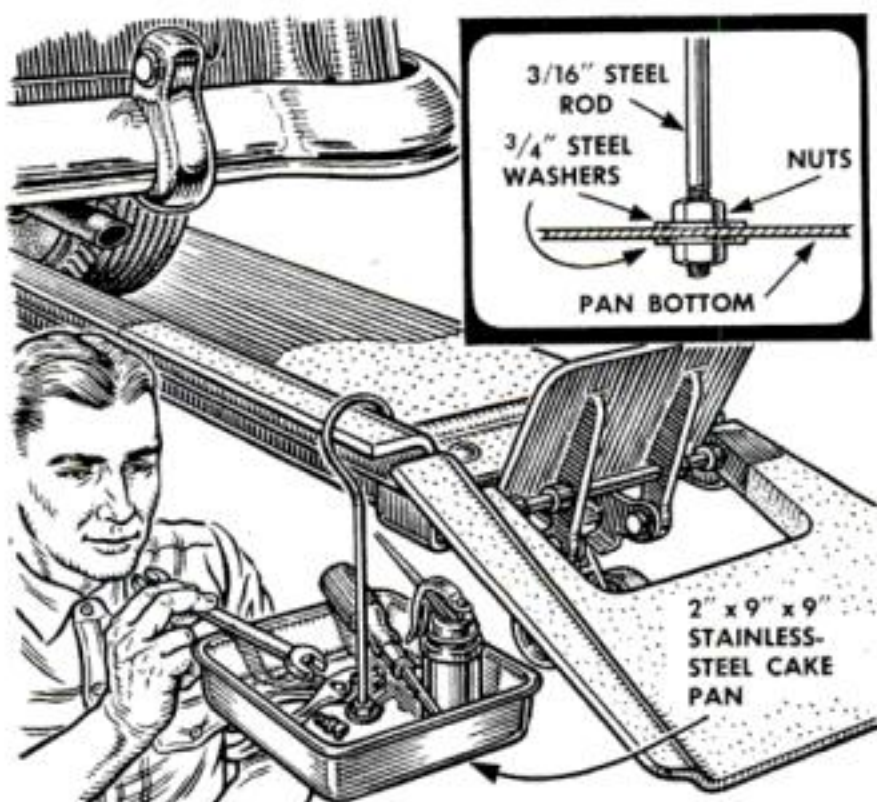
## Hints from the Model Garage



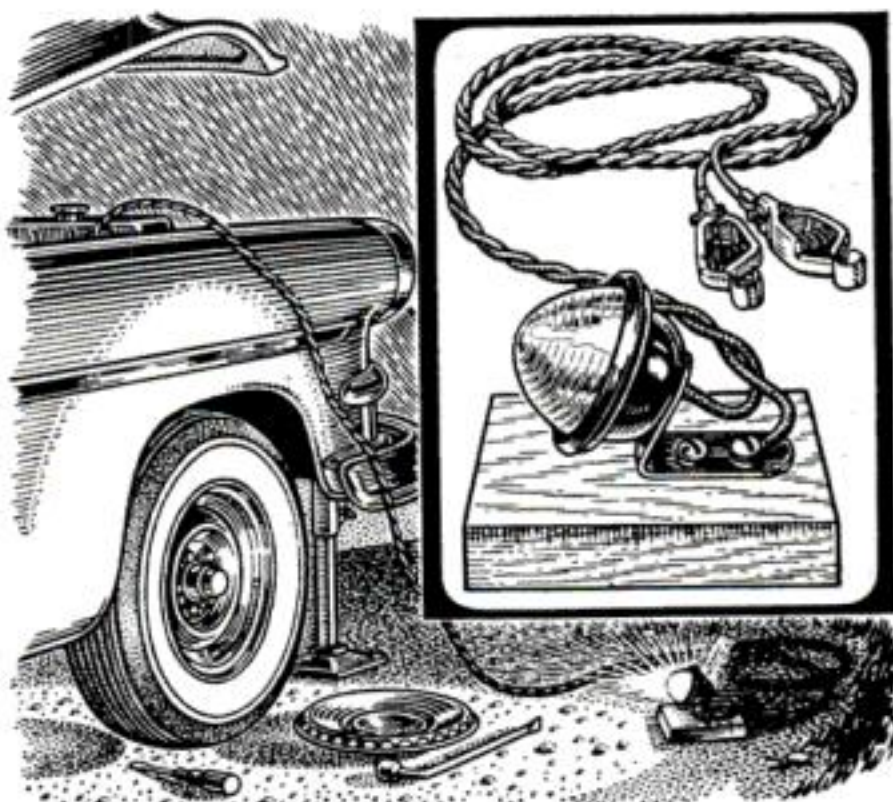
**Your best hat won't get sat on** if you stow it out of the way in a holder. Coat-hanger wire will do for back-of-seat holders, but hard No. 9 wire should be used under the dash to support the hat.



**Keep safety belts from dropping out** of the car by tucking the ends of the outer straps into loops stitched to the ends of the seat. The belts will stay cleaner, and won't get pinched by the car door.



**A hook-on tray** hung within reaching distance will save fumbling for tools or parts while working under a car. The tray shown is kept stocked with wrenches and extra fittings for a lube job, saving the garageman many steps. On a repair job, the tray could hold small parts.



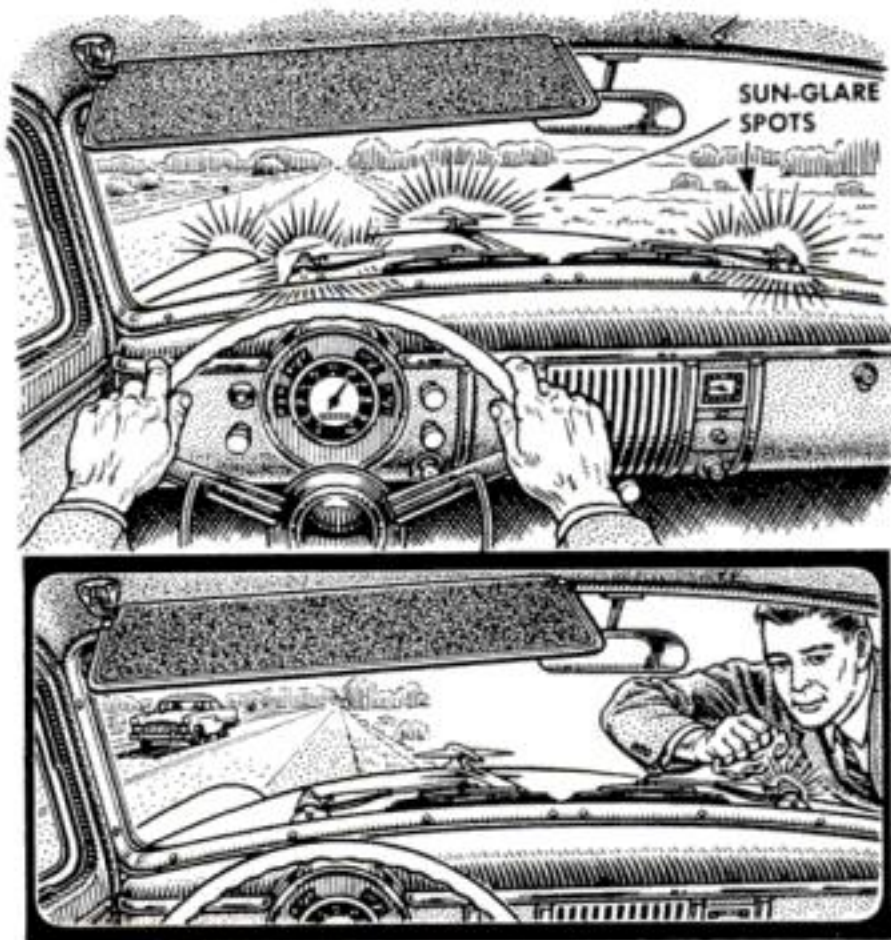
**A compact trouble light** can be assembled quickly using a truck clearance light, 15 feet of wire and a pair of battery clips. Bend the bracket to aim the lamp upward and screw it to a small block of wood. Having no batteries of its own, it won't be dead when you need it.

**Please turn the page for more auto hints**

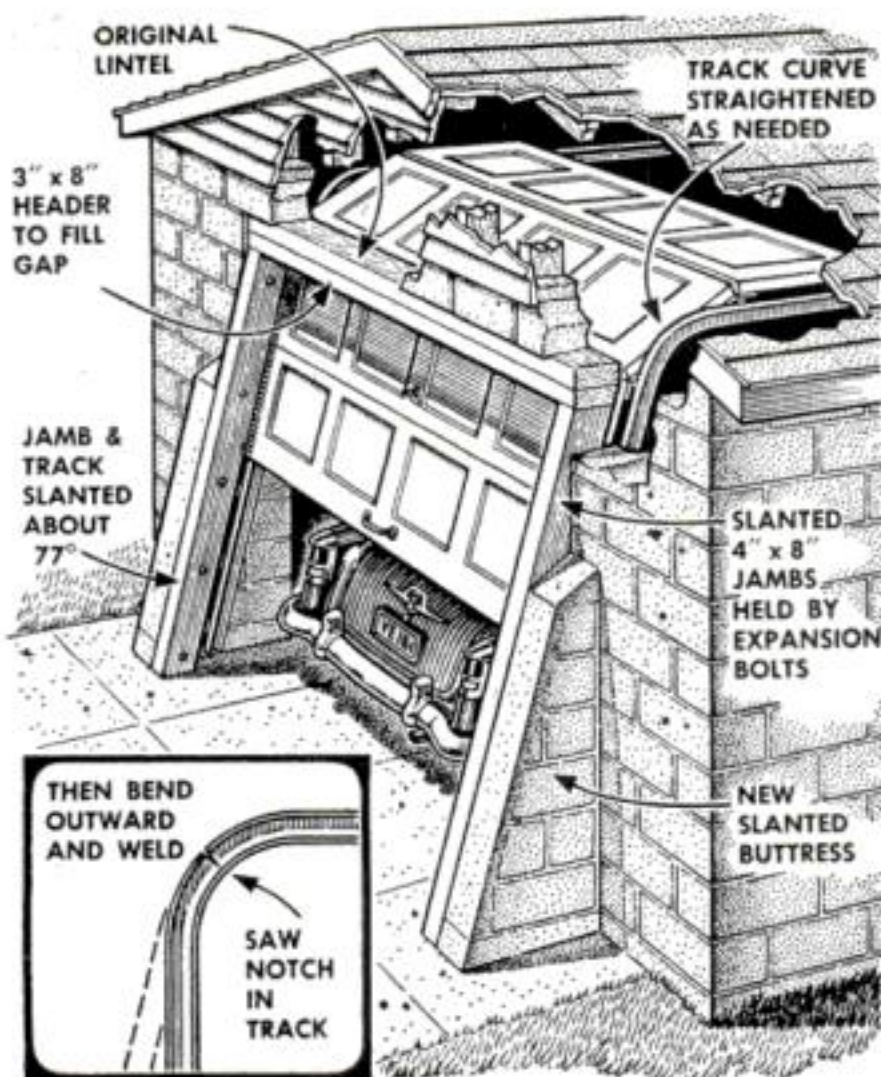
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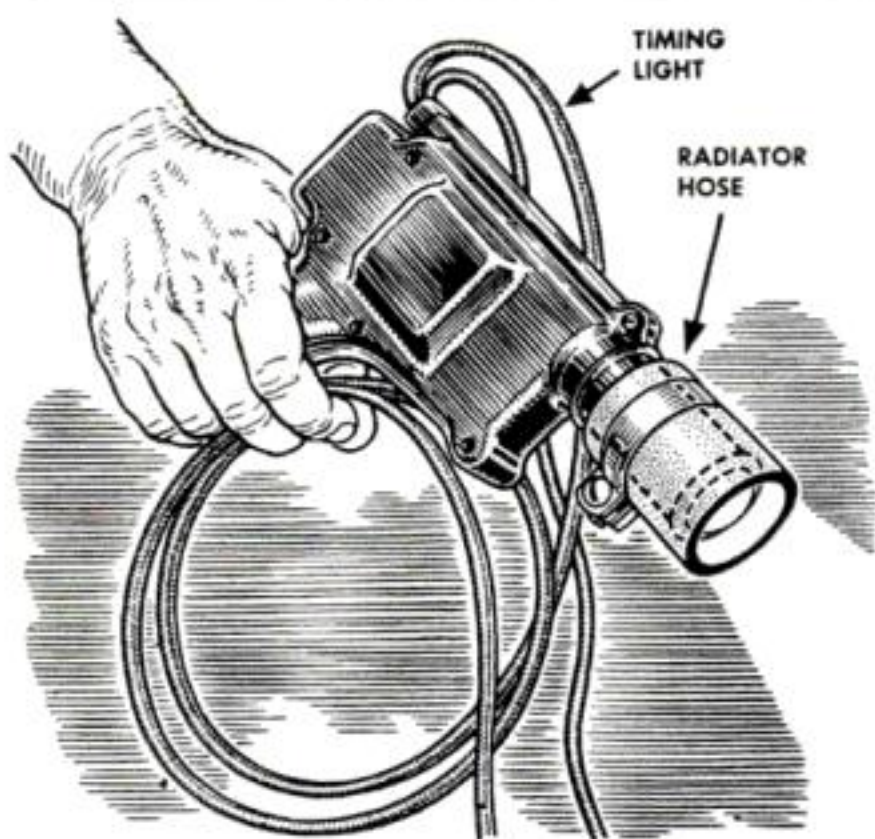
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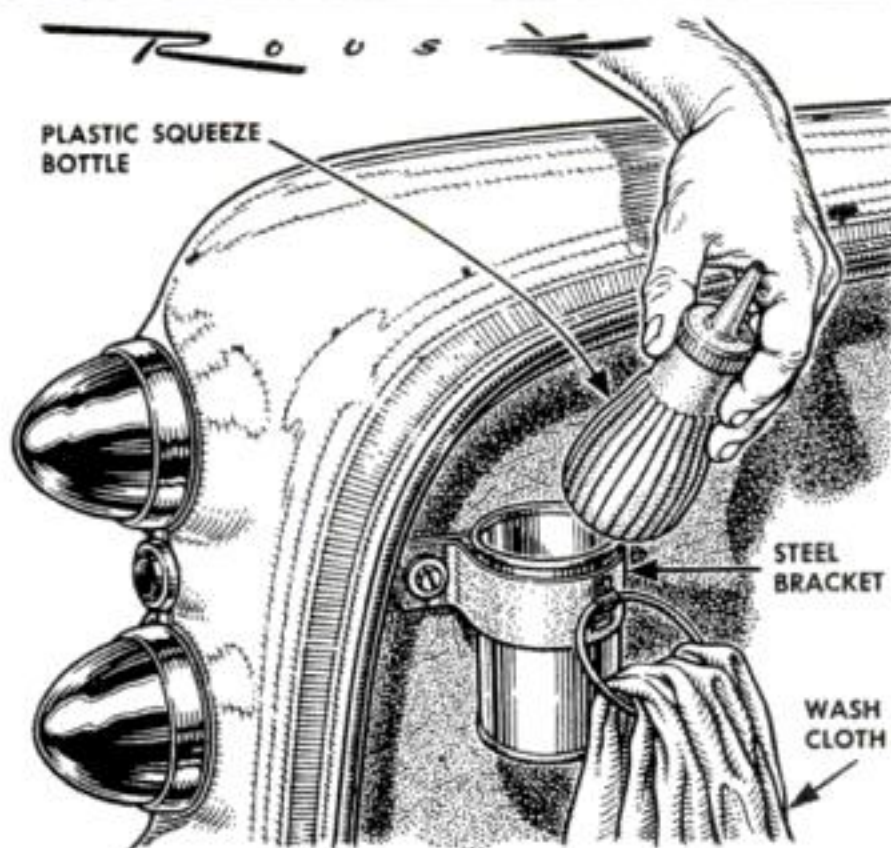
**A TV trick** is to coat bright objects with a non-reflecting film to keep glare out of cameras. Next summer, or when driving south this winter, you can soften glaring reflections that bounce off chrome parts into your line of vision by coating them with liquid car cleaner. The white powder rubs off easily at the journey's end.



**You can add footage** to a garage that has the type of door shown. Remove the door jambs, notch the track where it curves and bend it out so that the door clears the car's bumper. Add an extra header to close the gap at the top of the door and reset the jambs to suit the track. Finish with slanted buttresses to match garage.



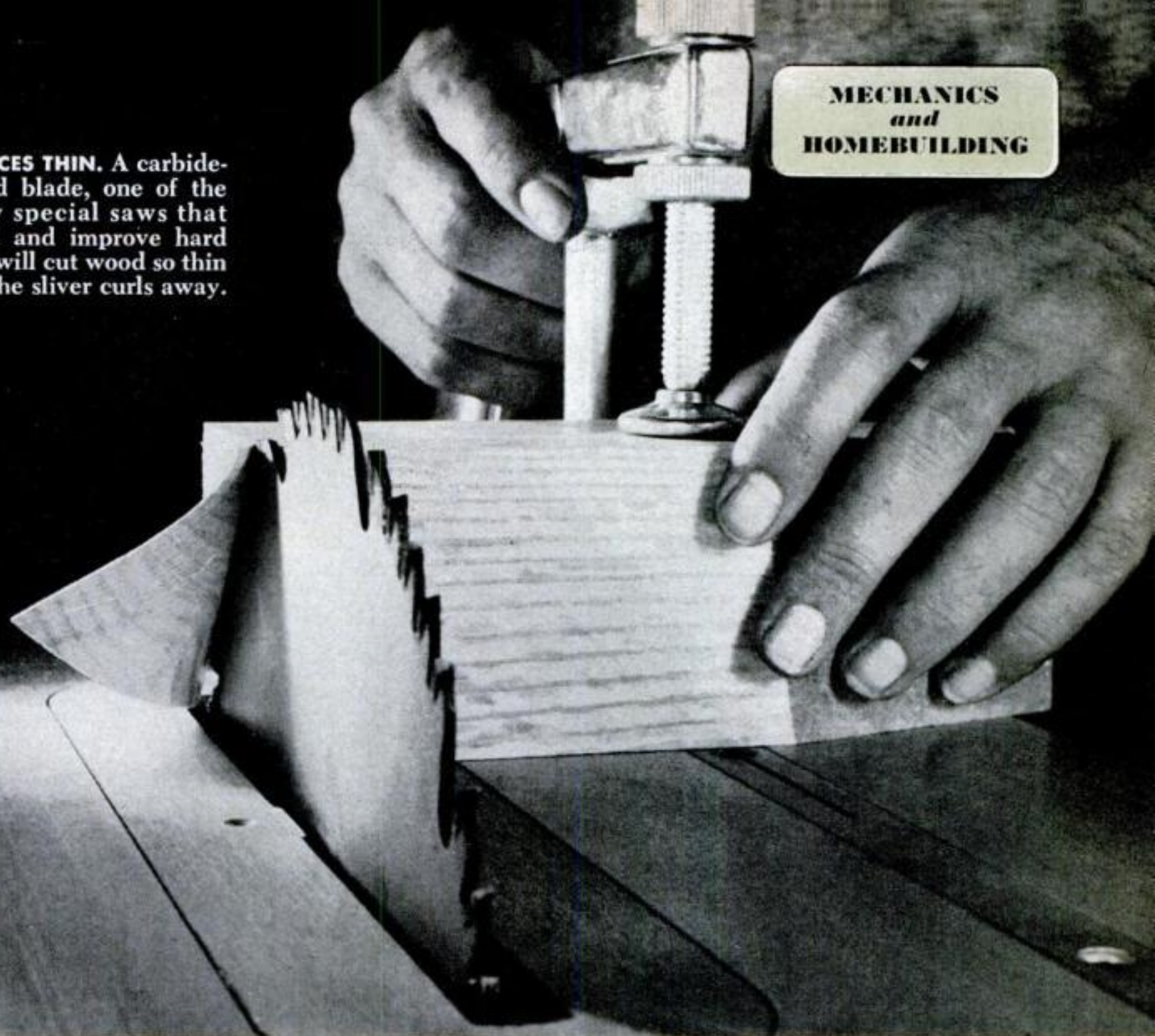
**A short piece of radiator hose** clamped over the lens end of a timing light will protect the light from being shattered if dropped or accidentally touched against a rotating fan blade. Paint the inside of the hose white to help throw light.



**Stow a plastic squeeze bottle** in a tin can screwed to the side of your car's trunk. Filled with windshield cleaner, it is convenient for keeping windows clear on a trip. In winter, fill the bottle with a defrosting solution to remove sleet.



**IT SLICES THIN.** A carbide-tipped blade, one of the many special saws that speed and improve hard jobs, will cut wood so thin that the sliver curls away.



***Facts you should know about***

# **Better Blades for the Circular Saw**

**By R. J. De Cristoforo**

**I**NSTEAD of the compromise, combination blade usually found on a circular saw, you may prefer to have:

- A blade that leaves the cut edge so glass-smooth it looks sanded.
- A blade so cheap that you throw it away rather than sharpen it.

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- A blade that is less likely to feather or tear out wood at the end of the cut.

- A blade that keeps kerf loss to a minimum for fine decorative work.

Specialty blades that do all these jobs, and more, are not as well known as they should be. They'll make fine cuts in tough materials—plywood, plastics and hardboard—without chipping and chattering. They'll even cut brass and other nonferrous metals.

Cost a lot? Not necessarily. Special blades do cost somewhat more than ordinary ones at the beginning, but they last



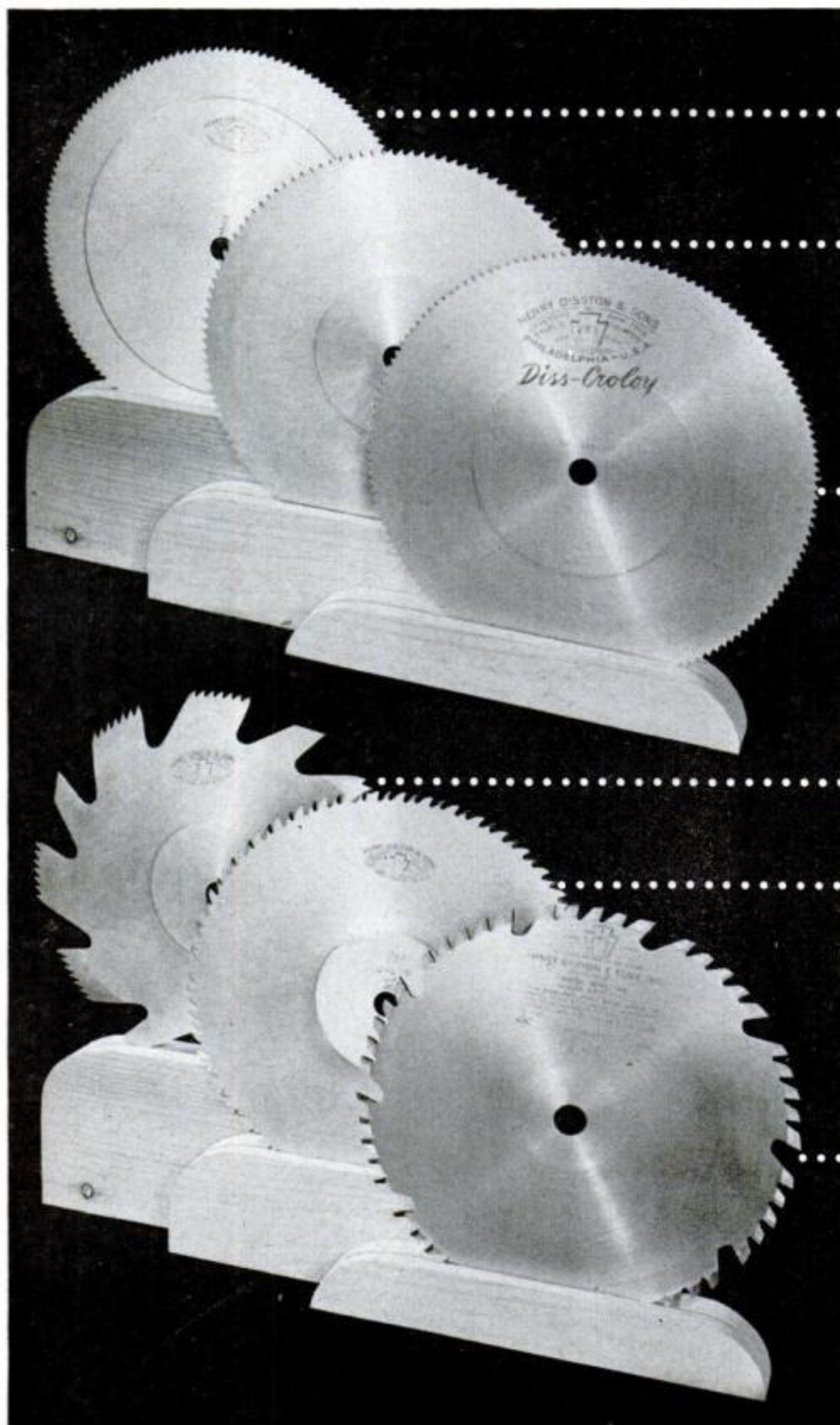
many times longer and pay for themselves in fewer sharpenings.

Special blades also pay off in the time and work that you save in cleaning up ragged cuts. Ripping and crosscutting are two entirely different operations. When you cut across the grain, the blade should shear the fibers with alternating face bevels that have knifelike edges. In ripping, the teeth should act like chisels, with deeper gullets between them to clear out waste.

A combination blade that only half shears and half chisels can't do either job well. Often it can serve, however, for rough cutting and to save blade changing. Then, instead of investing in ordinary rip and crosscut blades, you might want to put the money in a special blade to do really fine work.

**Super-smooth cuts.** Not even a regular crosscut blade, for instance, can give you the glass-smooth finish that a smooth trimmer can. This blade is made espe-

## 10 SPECIAL BLADES



**1 THIN RIM** has thick body for stability, thin rim for fine veneer, inlay and grooving work. Dealers may not stock it, but can put in an order for you.

**2 PLASTICS BLADE** is hollow-ground, but has teeth that can be set slightly if needed. For smoothest cuts, you'll probably want to use it without set.

**3 METAL-CUTTING BLADE** of high-speed steel stays sharp long, but can't be set or filed (must be reground). Run it slower than for wood-working jobs.

**4 GROOVING BLADE** looks like outside blade of dado cutter, comes in various fixed thicknesses. Use it if you cut a lot of grooves of the same size.

**5 SMOOTH TRIMMER** is best for fine cross-cutting and mitering and for all cuts in plywood. Don't use it for heavy rip cuts as the teeth will heat.

**6 CARBIDE - TIPPED** blade with 50 teeth lasts longest, makes fine cuts in all materials. Others have fewer teeth, but also cut well and wear long.



cially for fine crossgrain and miter cuts and eliminates feathering or tearing at the bottom or end of the cut. You can also use it on plywood and for good rip cuts in clear, soft woods or in hard woods if the cut isn't too deep.

The smooth trimmer is usually a heavy-gauge blade and on a small saw it may be underpowered. An 8" to 10" blade should have at least a ¾-hp. motor.

**Plastics are stubborn.** Plastics are so hard to saw that a friend of mine was

making all his cuts oversize so he could sand away the chips and chatter marks.

With a special plastic-cutting blade, you can make cuts so smooth that only a small amount of buffing is needed to bring the edges to a high polish. The blade is hollow-ground so that its straight teeth cut more cleanly than the set teeth on flat-ground blades.

**Cutting metal.** Blades made for sawing nonferrous metals (not iron or steel) have a special high-speed steel alloy that

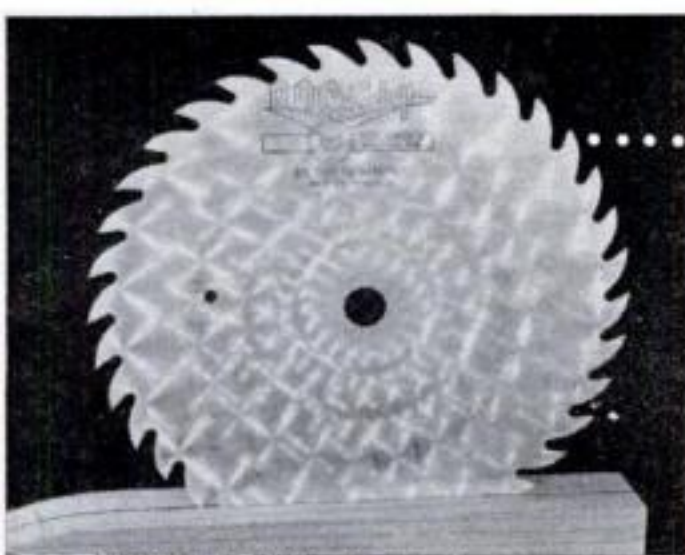
## FOR CIRCULAR-SAW JOBS

### BUYER'S INFORMATION ABOUT THESE BLADES

BLADE	MANUFACTURER AND IDENTIFICATION	PRICE			
		6"	8"	9"	10"
1 THIN RIM	Disston		\$ 4.45	\$ 6.20	\$ 7.95
2 PLASTIC CUTTING	Disston (⅛" gauge)	\$ 8.32	10.01		23.49
3 METAL CUTTING	Disston Discroloy	13.78	21.18		38.12
4 GROOVING	Disston	⅛" thick	12.32	16.10	
		¼" thick	21.02	28.31	
5 SMOOTH TRIMMER	Disston Style P		17.10	22.03	22.03
6 CARBIDE TIPPED	Disston Style S				79.20
7 DISPOSABLE	Rocco Roc-Edge	1.49	1.69		
8 DISPOSABLE	Heinemann Hard-Tip	Type C combination	2.35	3.00	3.75
		Type M crosscut and miter	3.49	4.55	5.82
		Type P planer	3.80	5.20	6.45
9 PLYWOOD CUTTING	Heinemann Plysaw (3/32" gauge)	14.41	21.96	34.48	37.24
10 METAL CUTTING	Heinemann (1/16" gauge)	13.37	20.54	30.18	32.12

NOTES: The blades shown are representative types in each classification and are NOT intended to represent all manufacturers of saw blades.

The prices listed above are those quoted by the manufacturer at the time of publication and may be subject to change without notice.

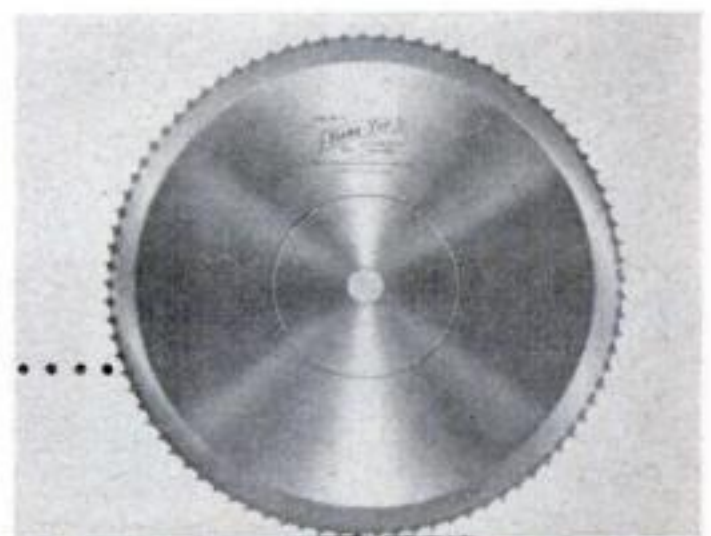


**7 DISPOSABLE BLADE** stays sharp three to five times longer than conventional blades, can be discarded when it becomes dull.

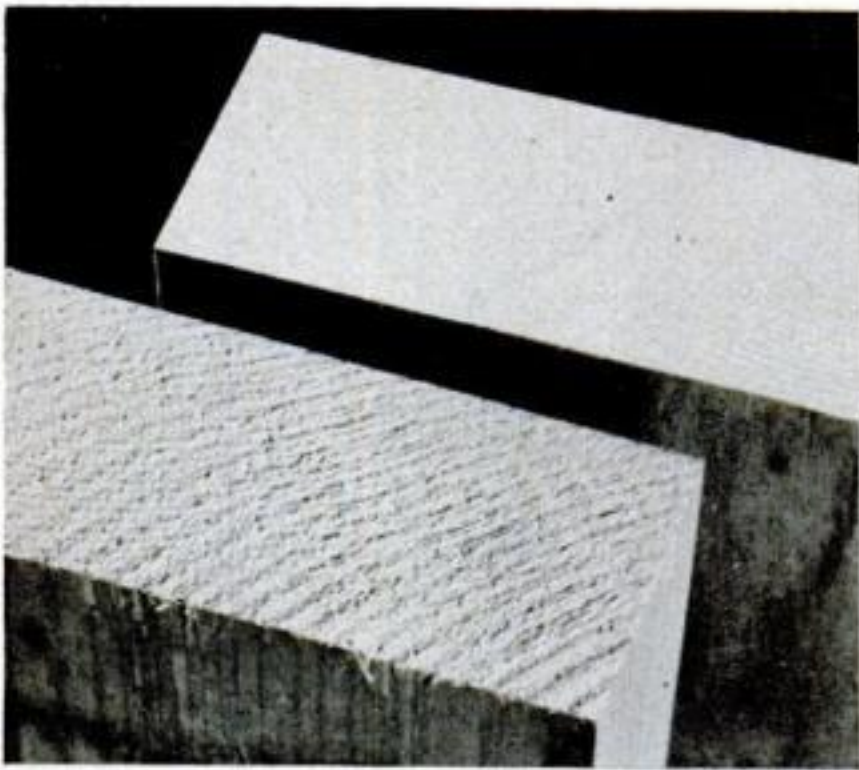
**8 ALSO DISPOSABLE**, this blade can be resharpened at least once, however, to give it longer life before you throw it away.

**9 PLYWOOD BLADE** also cuts smoothly in plastics and laminates. Bevel-ground, it must be returned to factory for sharpening.

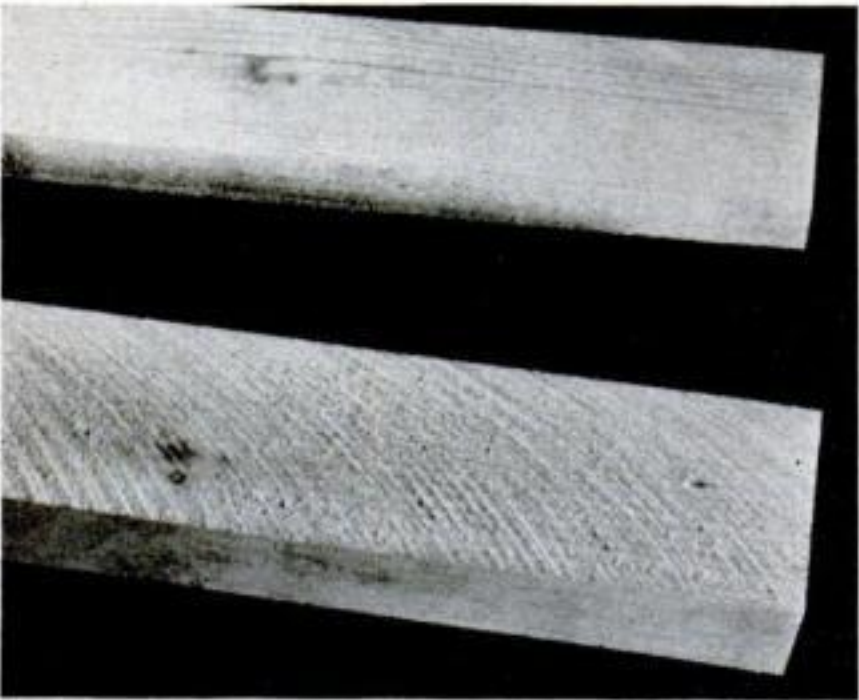
**10 METAL-CUTTING BLADE** saws brass, bronze and other nonferrous metals. Holes distribute oil to the teeth for cooler running.



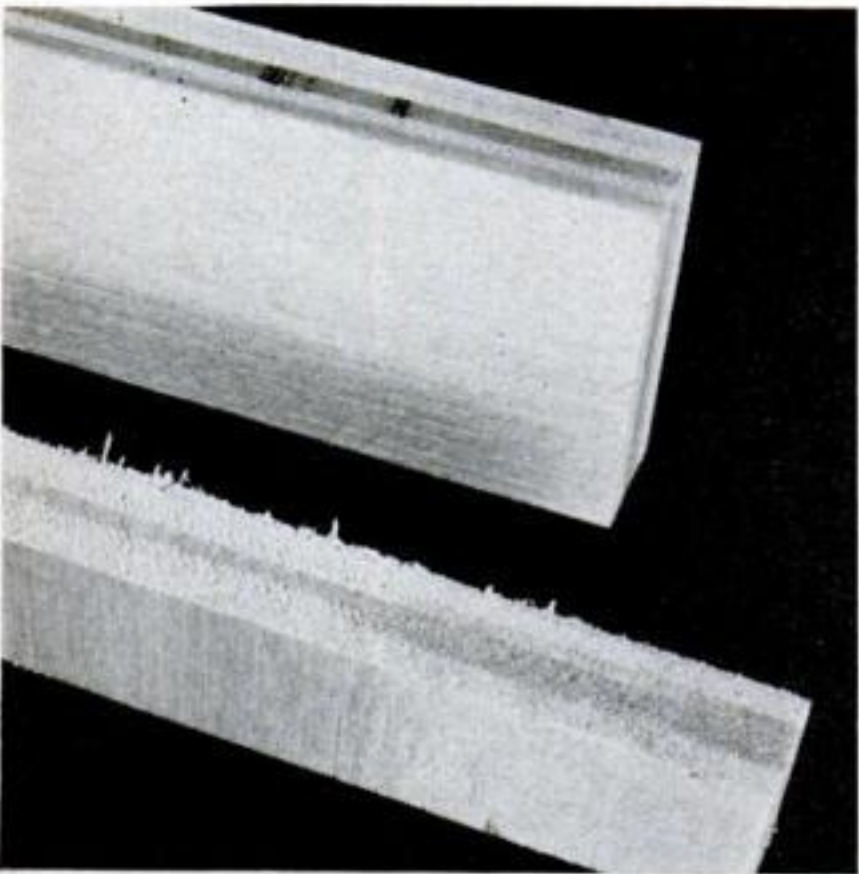




**SO SMOOTH IT LOOKS SANDED**, the top crosscut was made by a smooth trimmer blade. Note the rough, feathered and chipped edge on the lower one, made by a regular combination blade.



**A CARBIDE-TIPPED BLADE** made the heavy rip cut at top, a combination blade the rough lower one. Blade chatter caused the concentric arcs.



**A PLYWOOD BLADE** made the smooth cut at top. A combination blade chewed out the lower one.

## Special blades cost more but do better work

keeps a keen edge even in brass, bronze and heavy aluminum.

Blade thickness and the number of teeth vary with the thickness of the metals to be cut. For average use, they should run about 1/16" thick with 100 teeth for a 6" blade to 3/32" thick with 150 teeth for a 10" blade.

Here the extra advantages of special blades begin to show up. The metal-cutting blade, for example, will also make good cuts in plastics, plywood, veneers and other problem materials. The plastics blade, if that's your meat, makes fine cuts in plywood and veneers.

**A special for plywood.** If you do a lot of work with plywood, especially in

### NEXT MONTH:

You'll want to read about multiple sawing, a circular-saw trick that will enable you to make cuts much, much faster.

the fancy hardwood grades, you'll want to know about the plywood blade. It's not cheap (about \$35 for a 9" blade), but produces extremely smooth edges.

Do not use this blade to cut material over 1½" thick or for fast ripping. You can, however, use it on plastics and laminated materials besides plywood.

**Decorative work.** Often you may want to cut very fine grooves for inlaying or decorative fluting, but your ordinary blades make too wide a cut.

The thin rim blade is made just for this. Its teeth are very tiny and thin so that they take very little wood out of the cut. It should never be fed fast, forced, or used for heavy cuts.

**Cutting grooves.** Grooving blades work something like a dado cutter, except that they aren't adjustable. Each blade is made to the width of the groove you want, say ⅛" or ¼" wide. They're fine if you need a lot of grooves of the



## Delicate jobs you can do with a thin-rim blade

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same size, but they are fairly expensive.

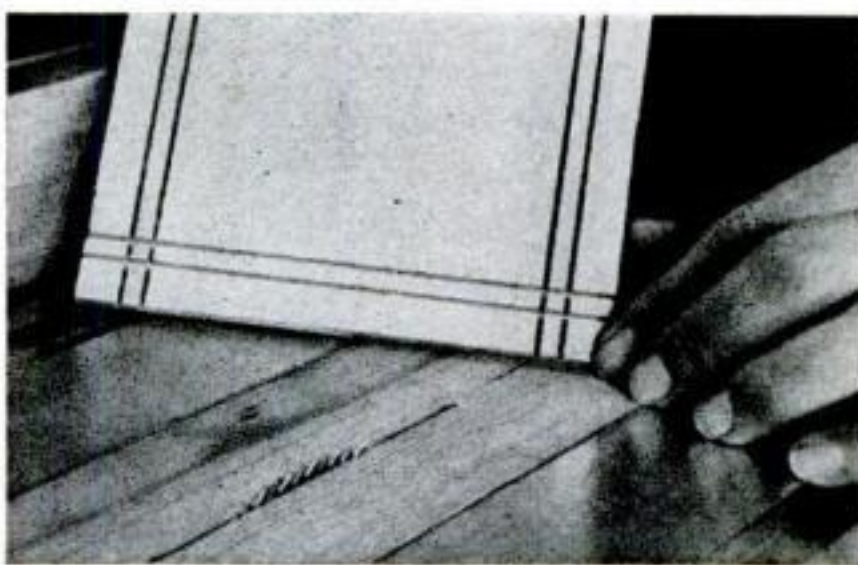
**Disposable blades.** Here's a different kind of special blade—special because you throw it away when it's worn out. Most types have hardened teeth that wear longer than conventional teeth but can't be resharpened. They're cheap—scarcely more than the price of a sharpening job—but you'll find them only in the standard types.

**King of them all.** Carbide-tipped blades are by far the smoothest cutting and longest wearing that you can get. The best, with as many as 50 carbide teeth, can cost you up to \$80 and will stay sharp 100 to 500 times longer than ordinary blades. They cut all kinds of materials, including nonferrous metals, plastics, plywood and hardboard.

You can also get carbide blades with fewer teeth—8, 14, 16 and 20—for as low as \$8 to \$20. These do not cut as smoothly as the costly ones, but are good for thick stock, heavy rip cuts, and tough, abrasive materials. And they'll last you 20 to 25 times longer than ordinary blades.



**FINE TEETH** shave off thin strips for inlaying without wasting wood. For support, it's best to make a special table insert of plywood or hardboard and raise the blade to cut its slot.



**DECORATIVE GROOVES** with smooth, clean sides and flat bottoms are easy. The rim is considerably thinner than the body of the blade.

## 8 Good Rules for Circular-Saw Use

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**1** Be sure that the machine is in good running order with all the parts, such as rip fence and miter gauge, in correct alignment.

**2** Be sure that the machine is not underpowered for the types and sizes of blades you want to use on it. For instance, don't try cutting with a 10" blade driven by a ¼-hp. motor.

**3** Never force a cut. Saw blades are designed to cut just so much, and excessive feed pressure overloads the teeth, causing stalling, chatter and fast dulling. Feeding slower than the blade will take produces smoother cuts.

**4** Use the correct blade for the job at hand. A hollow-ground blade, for example, should not be used for rough sizing operations, only for trim cuts and mitering.

**5** Keep blades clean. Dip them in a solvent occasionally and clean away accumulated pitch and gum from the teeth.

**6** Run each blade at the speed that the manufacturer recommends.

**7** Use the correct blade projection. A high blade projection is actually more efficient and consumes less power than a low one, although it is not the safest. On hollow-ground blades, the projection should be greater; otherwise, the lack of teeth set may cause the blade to burn. Because of this, don't use a hollow-ground blade for any kind of grooving operation since the teeth will be confined within the wood.

**8** Be sure the blade is sharp. A dull blade is both inefficient and dangerous.



# How a TV Repairman Broke Up a Racket

By Art Margolis

**T**O THE TV set owner, a twisting, weaving picture means only that he can't enjoy his shows and is in for a repair bill. But to me, the repairman, those seemingly senseless squiggles are often the tip-off that puts a finger on the trouble. One of these jobs even provided the clue that put the finger on a couple of suspects and broke up a furniture-stealing racket. You could call it . . .

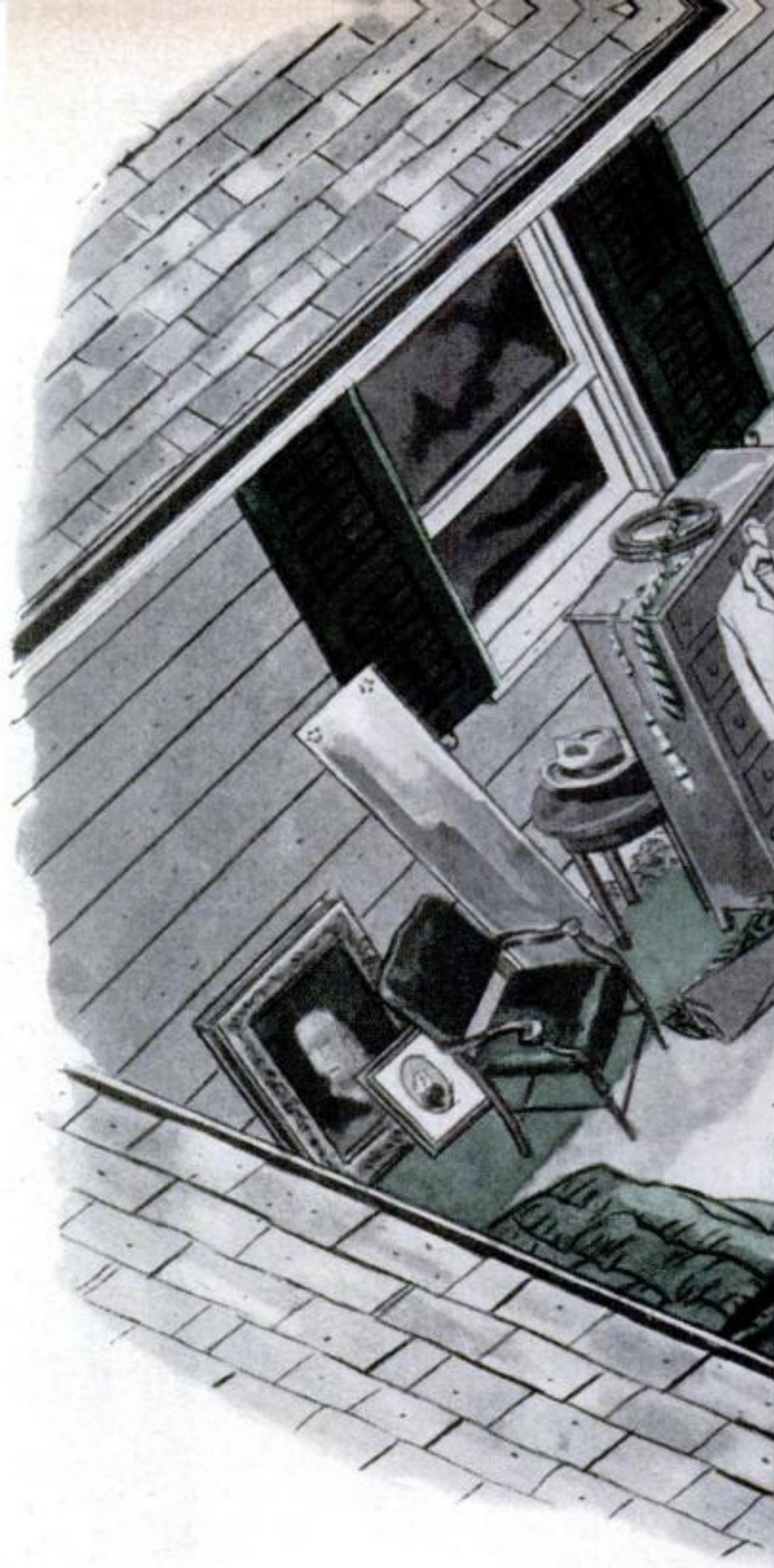
## The Rainbow Spaghetti Caper

**"I**F YOU can identify that TV set," said the burly police sergeant, "we can put two guys where they won't see TV."

The line-up consisted of a single 12" Emerson and two unhappy characters I'd never seen. There wasn't a scratch on the TV to set it off from all others of the same model. Only when I pulled out the chassis did things come back to me.

A few weeks before, an old customer had called me to repair such a set. Its picture was perfect at the bottom, but grew darker from there up until it was completely blacked out in the center.

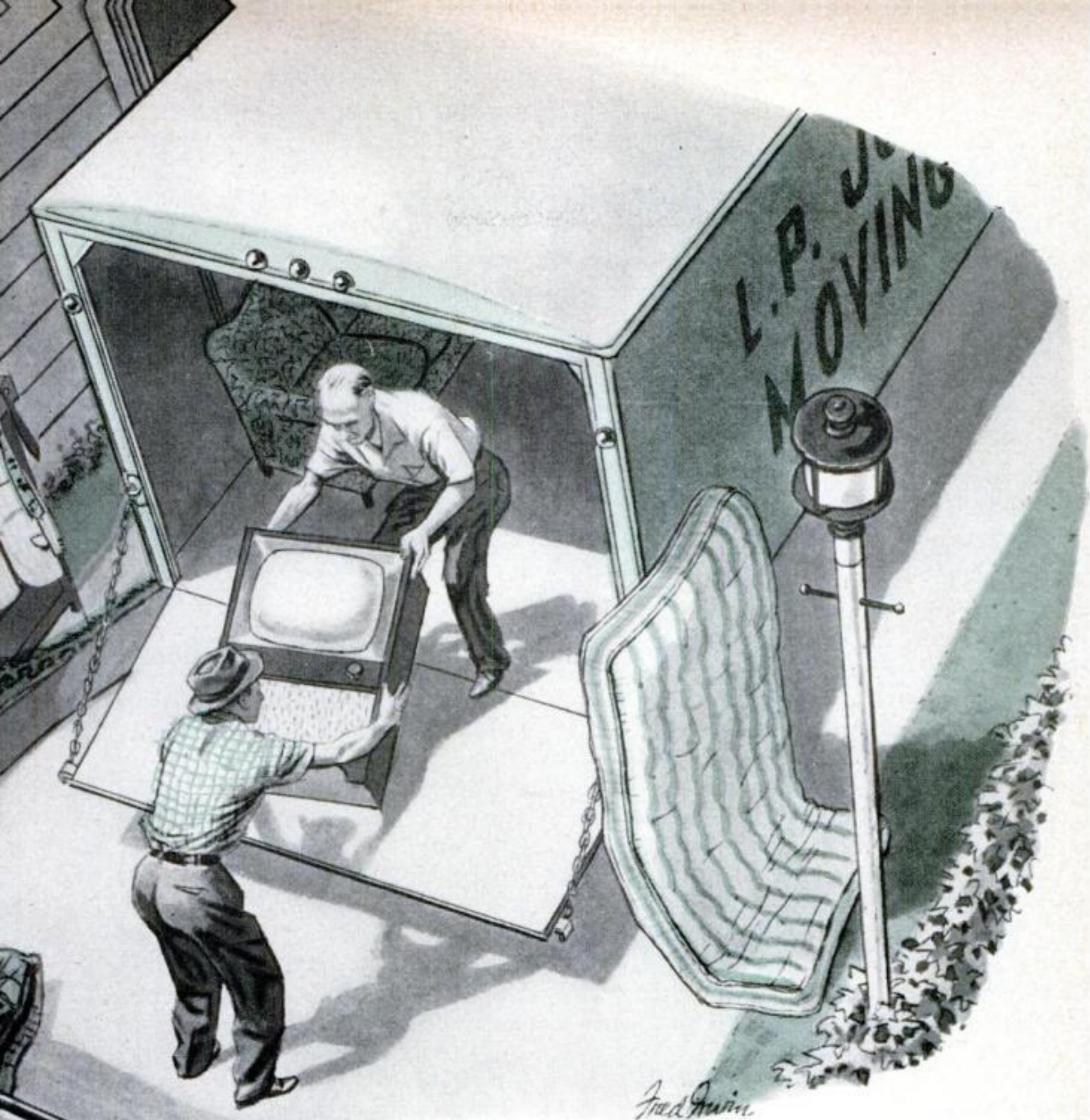
Brightness—the light on the tube face—is caused by a beam of electrons sprayed



across the screen line by line from top to bottom. This light-spray pattern is called the raster.

But it's light, not a picture. To make one, you must have contrast—the screen must be dark in some areas, less so in others, bright in still others. The TV station provides this contrast in the form of varying voltage (called the video or picture signal) which is applied to the electron gun in the tube. The less voltage,





**Trapped by a TV wire, the suspects confessed. They had been hauling off furniture in vans while the families were away on vacation.**

the brighter the spot the electron beam hits; the more voltage, the darker.

In this 12-incher, the vertical sweep signal that pulls the beam down the screen was leaking through a shorted condenser into the electron gun. Since the sweep signal is strong at the top of the picture, it blacked out the image there. As it got weaker farther down, the picture came in. I fixed the set by replacing the bad condenser.

A few weeks later my customers returned from vacation to find almost all their furniture gone—apparently the work of “The Empty House Burglars.”

The police picked up a couple of suspects. They failed to trace any of the furniture, except a TV set like the one taken from my customer’s home. The suspects swore they had bought this from an out-of-town friend.

I was able to show the sergeant the



condenser I had changed. The original had been a 400-volt; mine was a 600. I had soldered it to a different tie point than the manufacturer used. As a clincher, there was my own rainbow-colored spaghetti on the condenser leads, with not another piece like it in the set.

Confronted with this, the suspects confessed that they had been backing up a moving van to homes while the occupants were on vacation and moving everything out. This caper earned *them* a trip, too—to the state pen.

## The Rock-'n'-Roll Bounce

**A**T A teen-ager hangout, a 19" set was star of the floor show. The local TV station featured a disk jockey every afternoon. Between pops and sundaes, the after-school set made a big thing of dancing to his patter and platters.

I was called in because the set had developed an offbeat bounce and roll. When it did lock in, the picture hung an inch from the bottom of the screen, and white retrace lines shone through it.

The vertical sweep signal that pulls the electron beam down the screen 30 times a second must be exactly synchronized with a like one in the TV camera, or the picture will flop over or roll. So the station sends a vertical locking pulse along with its signal. In the set, this pulse is peeled off and sent to the vertical oscillator to key it in.

A condenser in the separation stage of this set had shorted, distorting the locking pulse. Instead of tying the picture neatly in place, it was letting it slide up off the bottom. Installing a new conden-

ser brought in a good picture. But the little redhead looking over my shoulder put on a doleful face.

"So what's wrong with that?" I asked.

"You stopped it, mister," she pouted. "You played it strictly square. If only you'd timed it with the tune, we'd have had the liveliest rock-'n'-roll in town."



## The Set with the Bricklayer's Bend

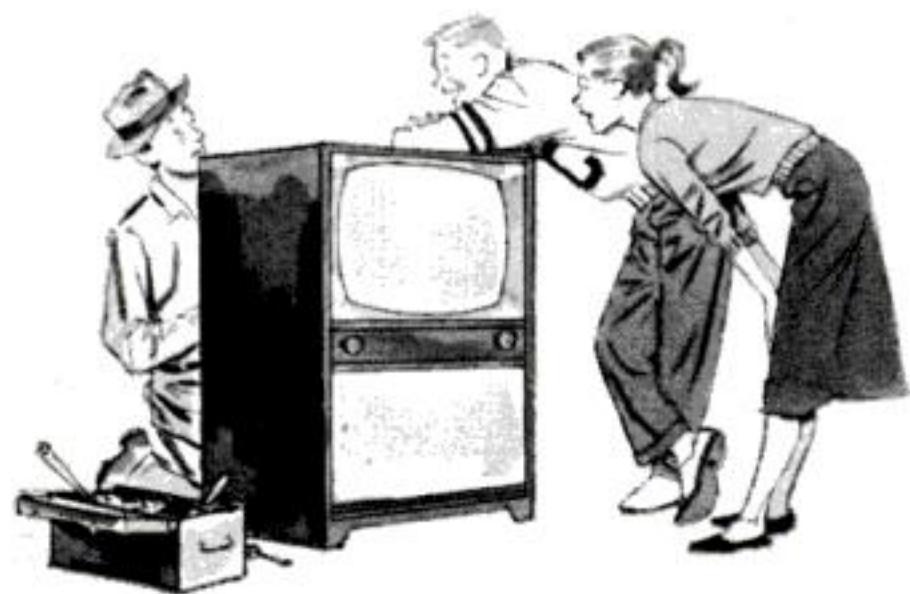
**M**Y NEIGHBOR, a master bricklayer, and his wife are the kind of people who borrow a cup of sugar and return a five-pound bag. He was already one favor up on me, so when my family wanted to build a brick barbecue in our yard, I persuaded them to wait until the neighbors went on vacation.

I cast the foundation, but then came a busy streak at the shop. My wife laid some bricks, I added a course or two when I could, she started on the chimney, and so on. When the neighbors returned, the barbecue had been started in several places and finished in none. It looked like a futuristic ruin.

The bricklayer promptly offered to build it, but I pretended eagerness to do it myself. The next day he offered again, a bit more persistently. The third day he almost begged to do it.

My wife found out why. His wife told her that their TV set had developed a bad bend at the top of the picture since they had come home. The bricklayer knew about TV waves bouncing off buildings (which *can* cause ghost images). He was convinced that his aerial was getting its signal distorted by our odd barbecue.

That Saturday I saw him go out, in working clothes. After an hour or so I





went over. His wife rather dubiously let me come in to check their set.

To draw the 525 lines that form each picture frame, the electron beam must be swept across and whipped back for the next line in exact time with the scanning beam at the transmitter end. If the set's sweep is out of time, the picture is distorted. So the station sends a horizontal locking pulse at the end of each line to lock in the set's horizontal oscillator.

This is similar to the vertical locking pulse but occurs 525 times as often. Being higher in frequency, it is harder to isolate and requires a more critical separation circuit. In this I found two balanced resistors that had shorted down in value, letting the vertical pulse ride into the horizontal one. Since the vertical comes only once per picture field, it was bending only the top of the picture.

Installing two new resistors, I got a good picture and reflected that I was at last even with my neighbor. As I opened the door, I almost bumped into him.

"It'll be okay now," we both said.

I stared at him, and he looked at me. The only way to break it up was to show him the set. It worked fine. He thanked me, but seemed not at all surprised.

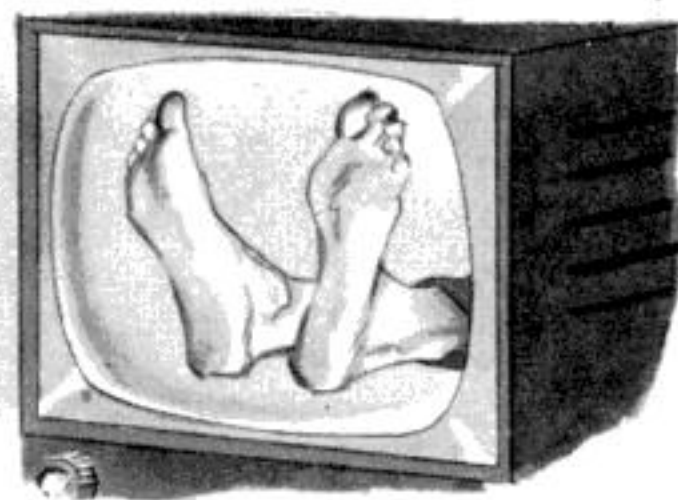
As I cut through the back yard to go home, I found out why. There, expertly built and completely finished, stood our red-brick barbecue.

## The Candid TV Camera

**T**ALES I'd heard about its boss made me a bit jittery when I got a call from a big industrial plant that had a closed-circuit TV system. The big wheel was a hard-driving character who had worked his way up as an efficiency expert.

He'd installed a TV set in every department and a master camera in his office so that he could deliver pep talks without pulling people off their jobs. I wondered if he'd breathe down my neck with a stop watch while I traced the trouble.

Sure enough, he gave me a 30-second lecture on efficiency, winding up briskly: "Give it a thorough check. Leave your



bill with the cashier. Don't look for me. I may be needed almost anywhere."

You got the impression that not a wheel could turn without him. I got out of his office fast. The defective set was in a distant department. Hooking rabbit ears to it so as to get a broadcast picture, I found two symptoms: a varying buzz in the sound, and dark bars ripping over the picture in time with the sound.

The buzz I diagnosed as part of the picture signal getting into the audio, and the bars as sound in the video.

Sound and picture are transmitted on the same carrier wave, but the picture is sent by varying the amplitude or strength of the signal (AM, like ordinary radio) and the sound by modulating the frequency (FM). These two modes of transmission are supposed to keep the audio and video separate. But in this set they were getting scrambled.

Looking for the cross-leak, I found a bad filter condenser in an output circuit from which both sound and picture drew power. The filter had broken down and was no longer acting as a barrier.

With a new condenser, I found the set worked fine on regular TV stations pulled in on the rabbit ears. As a final check, I called the switchboard and asked the girl to turn on the closed TV circuit.

Instantly a loud saw buzz roared down every corridor in the plant. As I ran back to the set, wondering what bloopers I could have pulled, the buzz was drowned out in gales of laughter.

The set was working fine. From the big wheel's office, the master camera was transmitting a crisp, clear picture. It showed that human dynamo, the efficiency expert, with his shoes off, feet on the desk, sound asleep and snoring. **END**



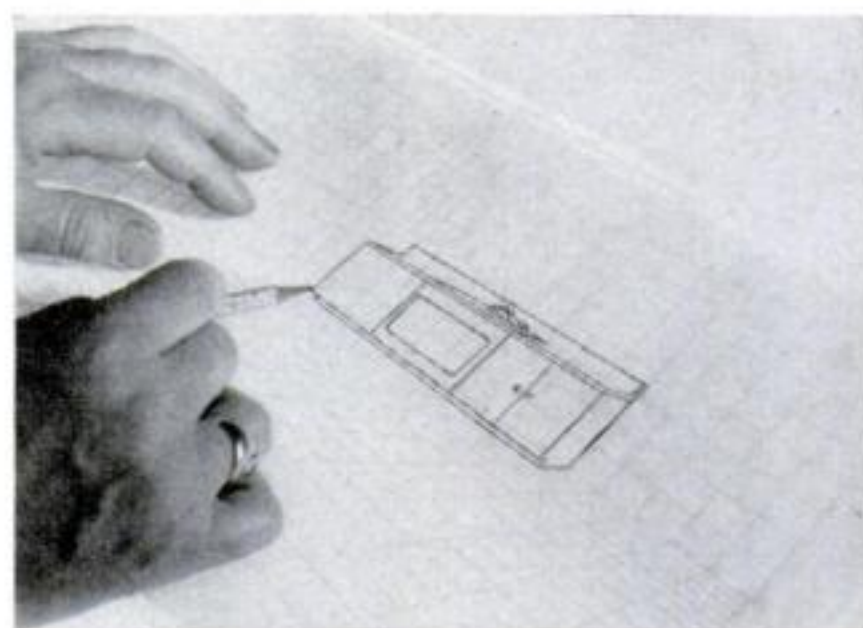
# New for the Handyman

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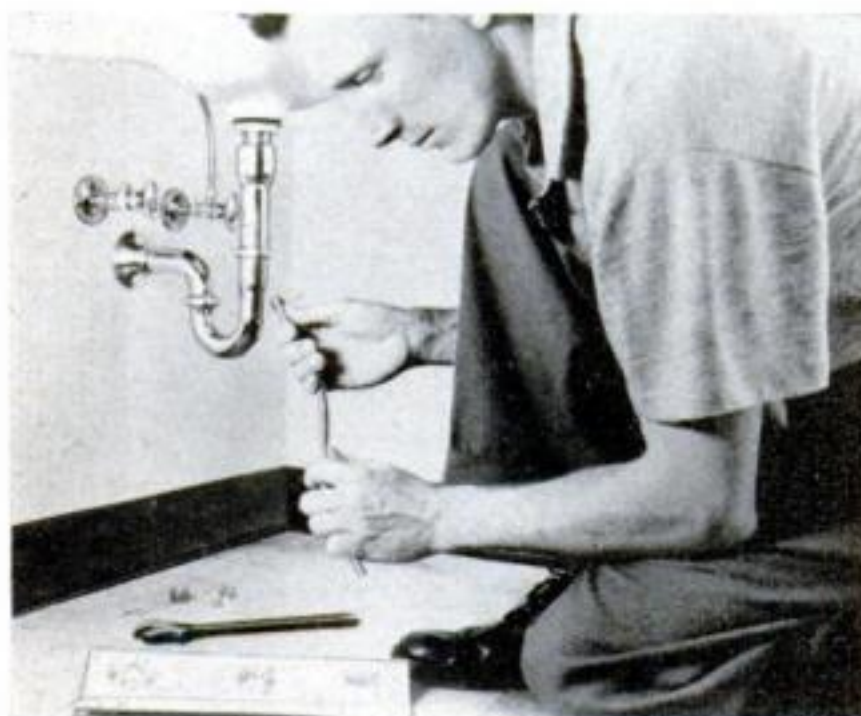
**1. Jelled Paint Comes in Tube.** You can put enamel on a brush, just as you squeeze on toothpaste, with jelled paint that is now packaged in tubes. A large tube holds enough to cover about 40 sq. ft., a smaller one half that area. The tubed colors won't run or drip like other paint, but spread like a liquid when applied.



**2. Holder Handles Can and Brushes.** Here's a spring clamp with a handle that grips both your paint can, up to a quart size, and brushes—all the drip going into the can. With it you can keep brushes of different sizes right at the work and change from flat surfaces to trim almost instantly. The swivel carrier also parks several brushes in a can or jar of solvent.



**3. Plans Made in Perspective.** If you want to show your wife—or a carpenter—how a home-improvement job should look when finished, you can draw it in perspective with this kit. Each package contains a series of grids that represent interiors and exteriors, including corners, and a supply of tracing paper to be used over the grid that suits your purpose.



**4. Plumbing Parts Are Pre-cut.** Flexible plumbing supplies, which you can bend by hand to the right shape, now come on cards which also carry complete installation instructions for the parts you buy for the job. Pre-cut lengths of tubing and the right connection for the installation eliminate cutting, threading and the need for special tools for many home jobs.

**More information** about these products may be obtained from: 1. American-Marietta Co., 101 E. Ontario St., Chicago 11; 2. Roplin Accessories, 207 Moseley Rd., Birmingham 12, England; 3. T. Doman & Co., 11 Moss Ave., Highland Park 3, Mich.; 4. Plumb Shop, 1341 Temple, Detroit 1.

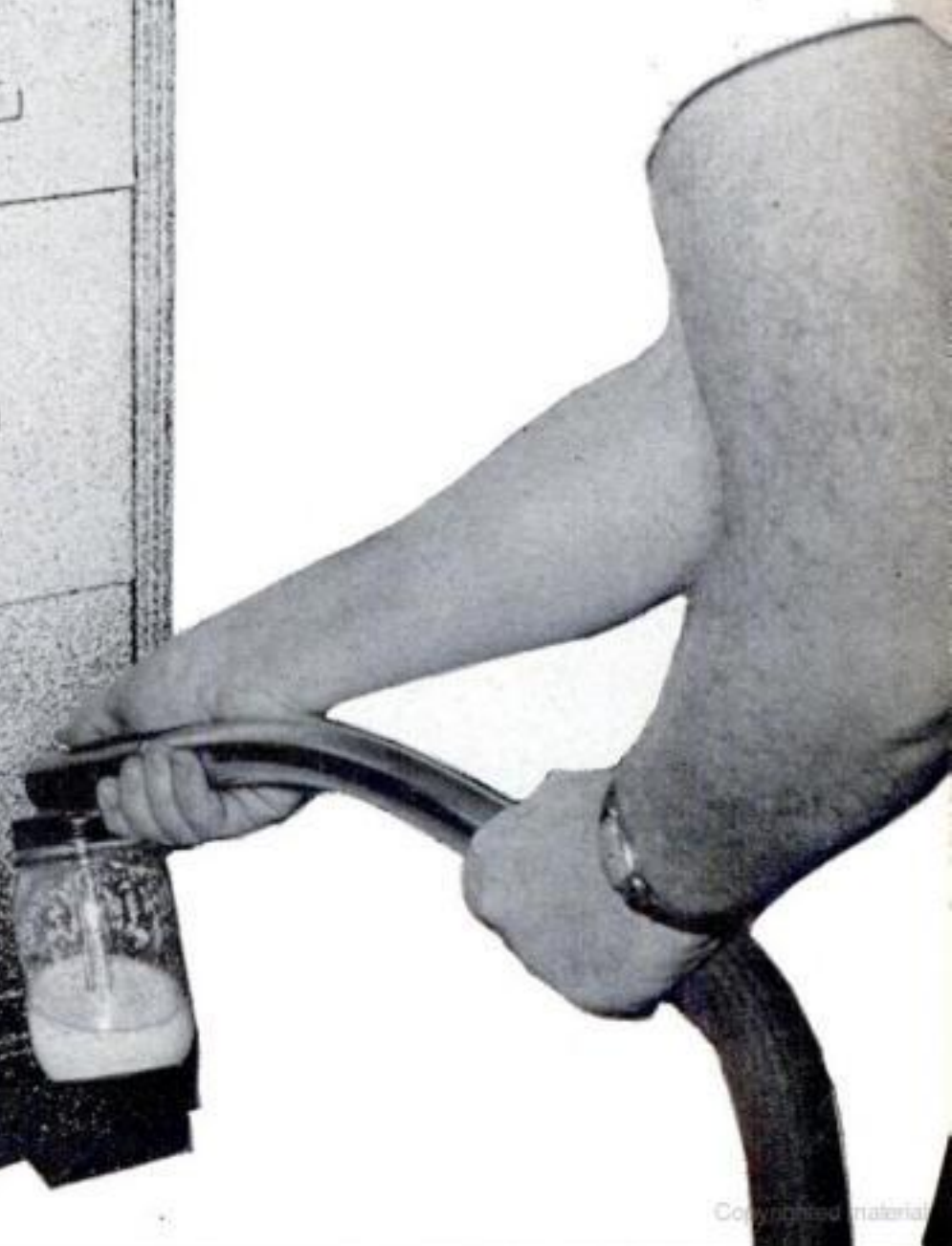
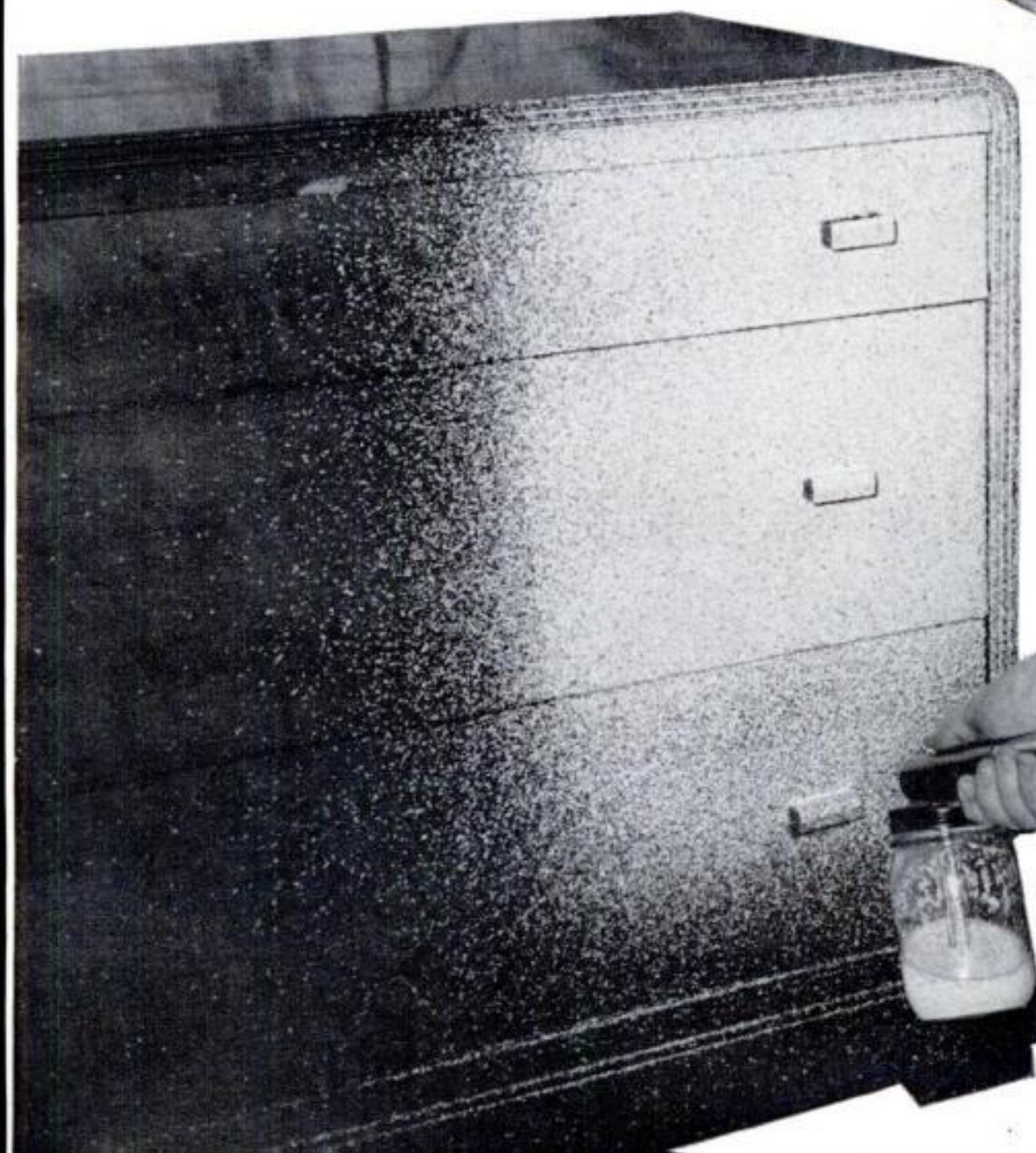


***An old-time finish is gaining renewed favor. But this time all the colors are in one can.***

# Now You Can Spray Spatter Paint

**By Bernard Gladstone**

**T**HERE used to be an old gag about the not-too-bright homeowner who tried to buy a can of striped paint. Stripes haven't been perfected yet, but new enamels that give a color-flecked, textured coating have. Two or more colors can be applied in a single spray coat. The result is an effect like the spatter finish that was popular in Colonial days. When dry it forms a tough, scratch-resistant surface that can be scrubbed





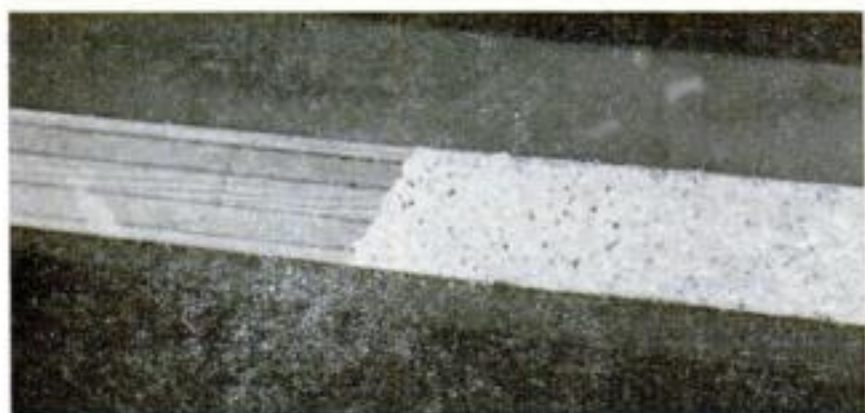
with scouring powder if necessary, and that is virtually chip-proof.

Introduced eight or nine years ago, one-coat spatter paints quickly won acceptance for spraying walls, ceilings, and woodwork in commercial buildings and housing developments. Later, use spread to the manufacturing field for such products as store fixtures, nursery furniture and kitchen cabinets. Now the enamels are being packaged and sold for home use. They are somewhat more expensive than regular paints and are best used on furniture, cabinets and other small projects where the cost won't run high.

**What makes the spatter?** These multicolored paints consist of a solid color enamel to which have been added flecks of a contrasting paint that is not compatible with the enamel. Therefore, they do not blend in the container. Most dry to a dull, semigloss finish, and are made for interior use only. Those for exterior use usually dry with a higher gloss. All are designed for spray application only.

One-coat spatter paints must be carefully handled. Most will not last more than three or four months when stored unopened in the original container. Once opened their life is even shorter. During cold weather the paint must be kept indoors; freezing will ruin it.

**What sprayers to use.** Internal-mix spray guns used at low pressure work best. Air in the cup forces the heavy mixture up through the paint tube and out on the work in a coarse spray—the coarser the better. Vacuum-cleaner spray attachments and hand insecticide sprayers that build up pressure in the reservoir as they are pumped also work well.



**WHERE ARE THOSE PLIES?** One easy pass with a spray gun and a single coating of the new spray-on spatter paint conceals the plies that show on the edge of this piece of plywood.

## Brushes are out—one-coat spatter



**VACUUM-CLEANER ATTACHMENT.** To get the coarse spray required for the new spatter paints, these little guns are hard to beat. They're cheap, and you can get them for most tank-type cleaners.

External-mix spray guns and vibrator-type guns atomize the paint too fine to achieve the spatter effect.

For the homeowner, the ordinary vacuum-cleaner spray attachment is a good bet. However these do not give as much control as can be obtained with a conventional adjustable spray gun. Hence the results will not always be as uniform on a large area. To use an attachment, first make certain you detach your vacuum-cleaner hose and re-attach it at the exhaust end of your cleaner so that the air is being blown out rather than in. Remove the dust bag and let the machine run a few minutes to blow out dust.

**Spraying it on.** To get the paint ready for spraying, shake the can vigorously. Most manufacturers caution that stirring may cause the colors to blend. Those that do permit stirring advise you to stir *gently* and follow by boxing—pouring back and forth between two cans. Thinners, if required, will usually be either water or a special reducer that is supplied by the manufacturer. Using the wrong thinner or using too much may cause the colors to blend together.

These new paints will cover most surfaces with one coat. A primer, if required, can be either brushed, rolled or



**paint must be sprayed on. Here are three guns that could be used.**



**INTERNAL-MIX SPRAYER.** Best control is obtained with this type of gun used at low pressure and a large-opening nozzle. Overspray is a problem, making careful masking a must.

sprayed on, and should be allowed to dry thoroughly before proceeding.

As in any spraying, experiment at first by spraying on a piece of scrap cardboard or newspaper to determine the best speed at which the gun should be moved and to be sure that you have the paint at the right consistency. Hold the nozzle six to eight inches away from the surface, and move your arm so that the gun is always at right angles to, and at the same distance from, the surface. Varying the angle of application will also vary the color intensity and the pattern of the color flecks. Since two thin coats are better than one heavy coat, it is usually best to apply a light mist coat first. Allow this to set awhile and then go over it with a heavier finishing coat.

Most of these paints will dry to the touch in a little over one hour, and will be totally dry in three to four hours. However, they do not reach their maximum toughness for four to five days.

**Do not attempt to spray** the paint in unheated garages or other cold rooms. Make sure the room has adequate ventilation (open a window or two), and be sure to spread drop cloths or other coverings to protect the surrounding walls and floor. Use masking tape and



**INSECTICIDE GUN.** Try this for the smaller jobs, but use the continuous-flow, pump type, not the intermittent siphon kind. Enlarging the nozzle hole may improve the gun's efficiency.

newspaper to mask off those areas that are not to be painted, or to separate areas that are to receive a different color.

The new paint is safer to spray in confined areas than conventional paint; it does not atomize as finely and therefore creates no fine mist that is likely to settle on nearby walls, floors or furniture. But a hazard still exists.

**Cleaning up.** This should be tackled *immediately* after the job is done. If any masking tape has been used, remove it while the paint is still wet to get a clean sharp edge. Spraying equipment should be cleaned by first spraying a cupful of water through the nozzle and then rinsing in lacquer thinners. Spray some thinner through the gun to remove any specks of paint that may remain in the supply line or nozzle, and then wipe dry before storing. A pipe cleaner or piece of fine wire can be used to clean out the supply line or nozzle if any particles become lodged in the openings.

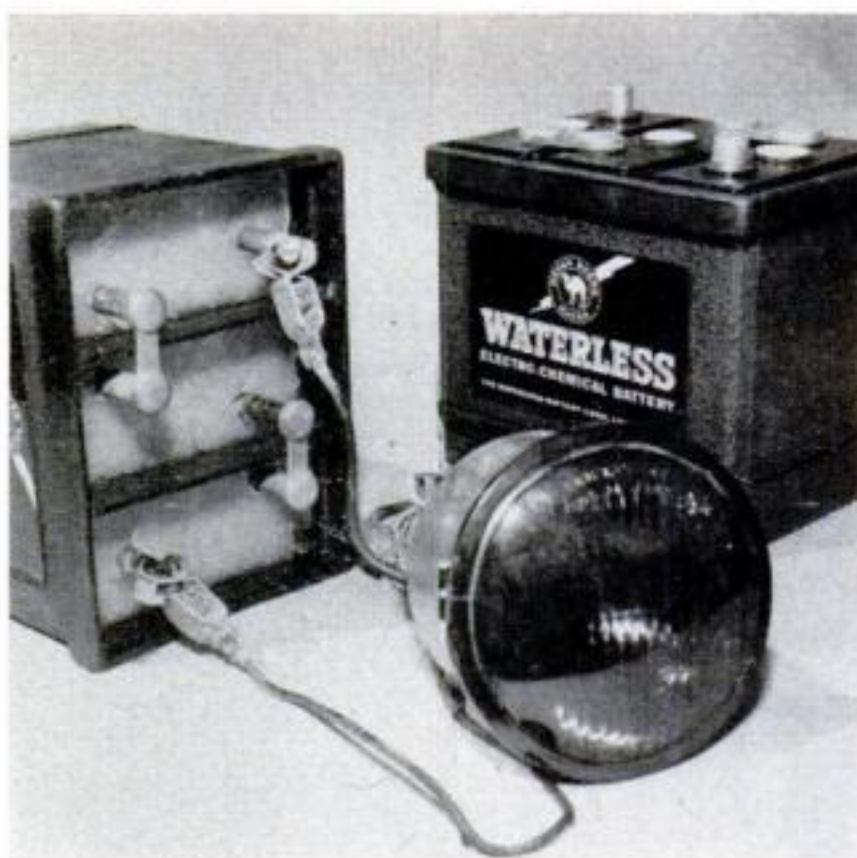
If you are ever forced to stop in the middle of a job, follow the same cleaning to keep the gun from clogging. **END**

Trade names and makers of one-coat spatter paints include: (Plextone) Maas & Waldstein Co., 2121 McCarter Highway, Newark 4, N.J.; (Multakolor) United Lacquer Mfg. Corp., 1001 Elizabeth Ave., Linden, N.J.; (Vari-Krom) Vari-Krom, Inc., 659 First St., Hoboken, N.J.



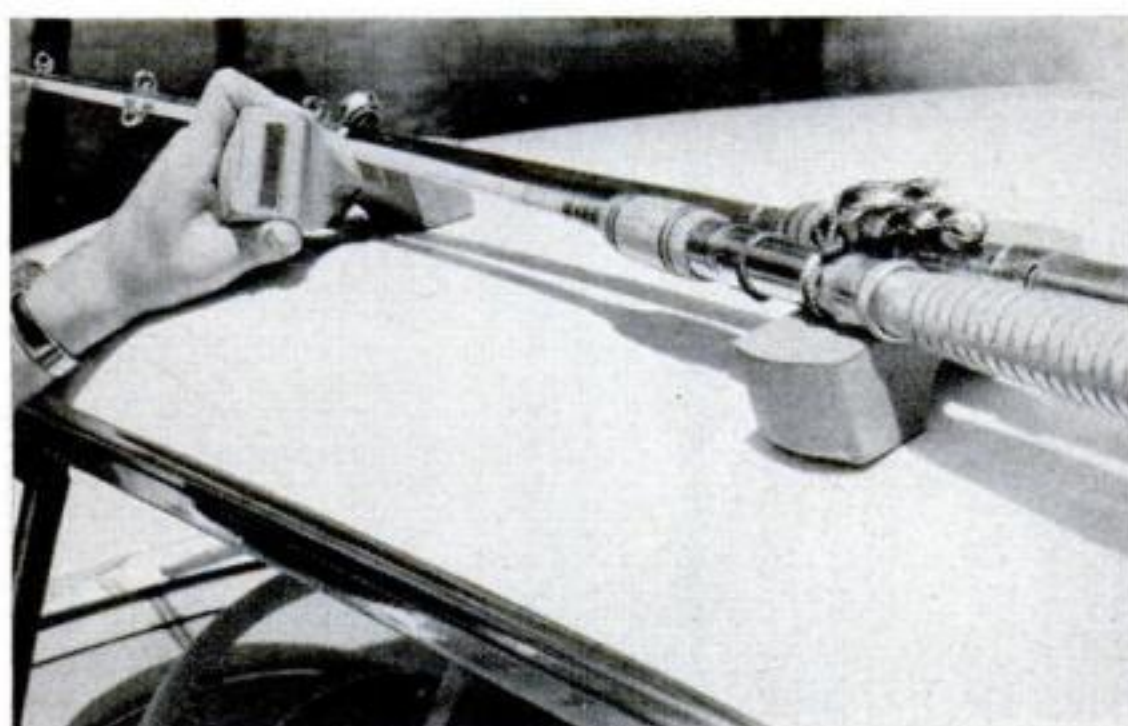
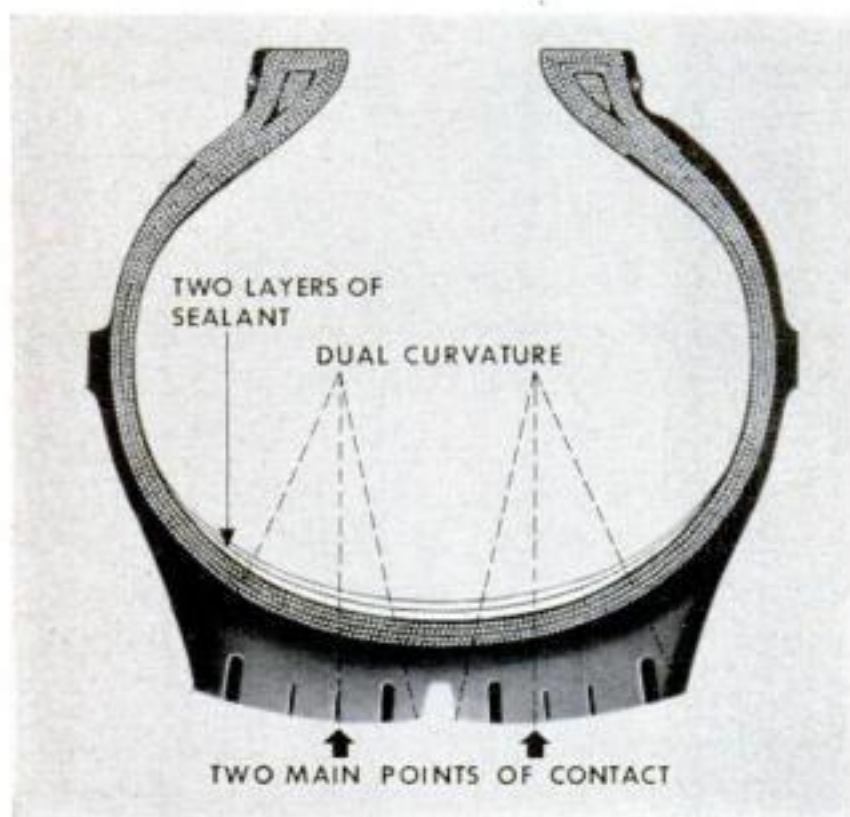
# New for Your Car

**1. New Battery Needs No Water.** Intended for rough use, as in trucks, tractors and motorcycles, where acid spillage is a threat, this battery has a silicon electrolyte with the consistency of firm gelatin (visible in up-ended battery). Since the battery doesn't need water, it has built-in breather valves in place of filler caps. Guaranteed for four years, it costs \$34.95, in six- or 12-volt capacity.

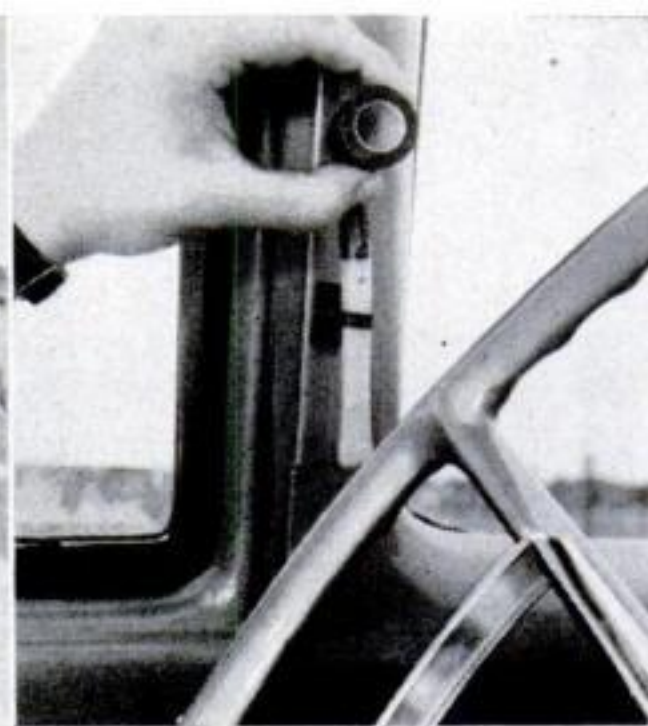


**2. Tire Has Dual Tread.** A two-faced passenger-car tire that presents two surfaces to the road has been developed to give more traction, better maneuverability and longer wear. The groove down the middle of the tire distributes the weight on twin treads, each of which is curved on its own radius. Action is said to be like that of having two tires on one wheel. Puncture sealant is also twinned: two layers between three sheets of curved gum. The tire costs about \$100.

**More information** about these new car products can be obtained from: 1. Waterless Battery Co., 1234 N. LaBrea, Los Angeles 38; 2. General Tire & Rubber Co., Akron; 3. (carrier) Magnetic Products Corp., 13025 Halldale St., Gardena, Calif.; (pipe rack) Pipe Caddy Mfg. Co., Delray Beach, Fla.



**3. Magnetic Holders Park Your Gear.** Metal-hugging magnets in blocks of synthetic sponge rubber (left) anchor the tie-down cords of this car-top carrier for skis or fishing rods, without clamps or



cups. You can remove the blocks by rolling back the sponge. At right is a ring-type pipe holder for keeping your briar handy on a post or the dash. Twin magnets are in the base of the rubber ring.





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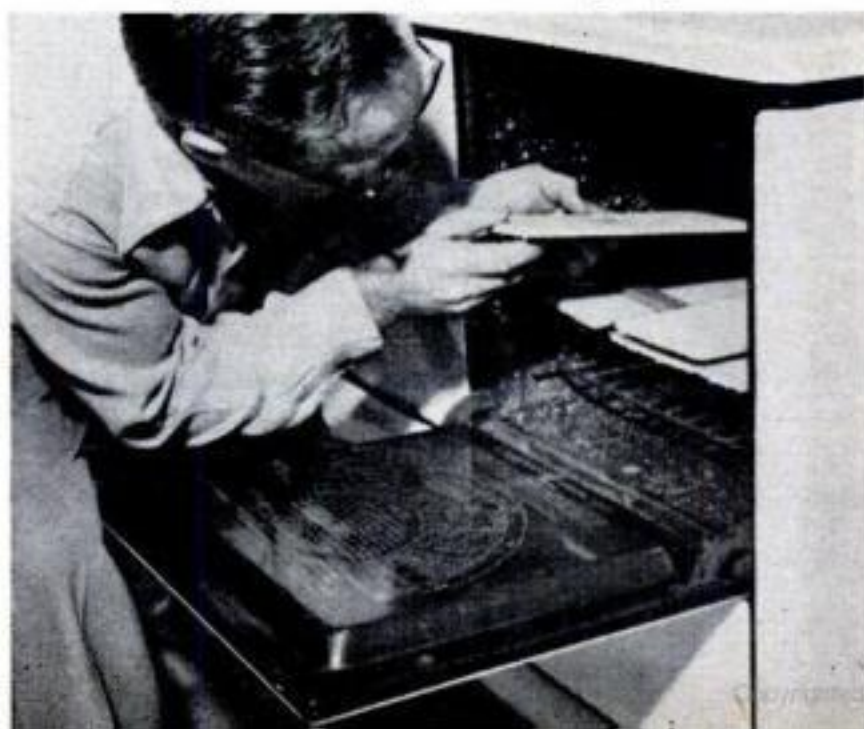
# **Parquet Floors from Wood Scraps**

**By F. A. Strenge**

**Y**OU can turn inexpensive odds and ends of wood into beautiful parquet flooring. The trick? Invisible wood splines that lock the scraps into rigid blocks.

It's already been done at the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wis. There, researchers have developed flooring blocks from leftover hardwood strips that can be bought cheaply from

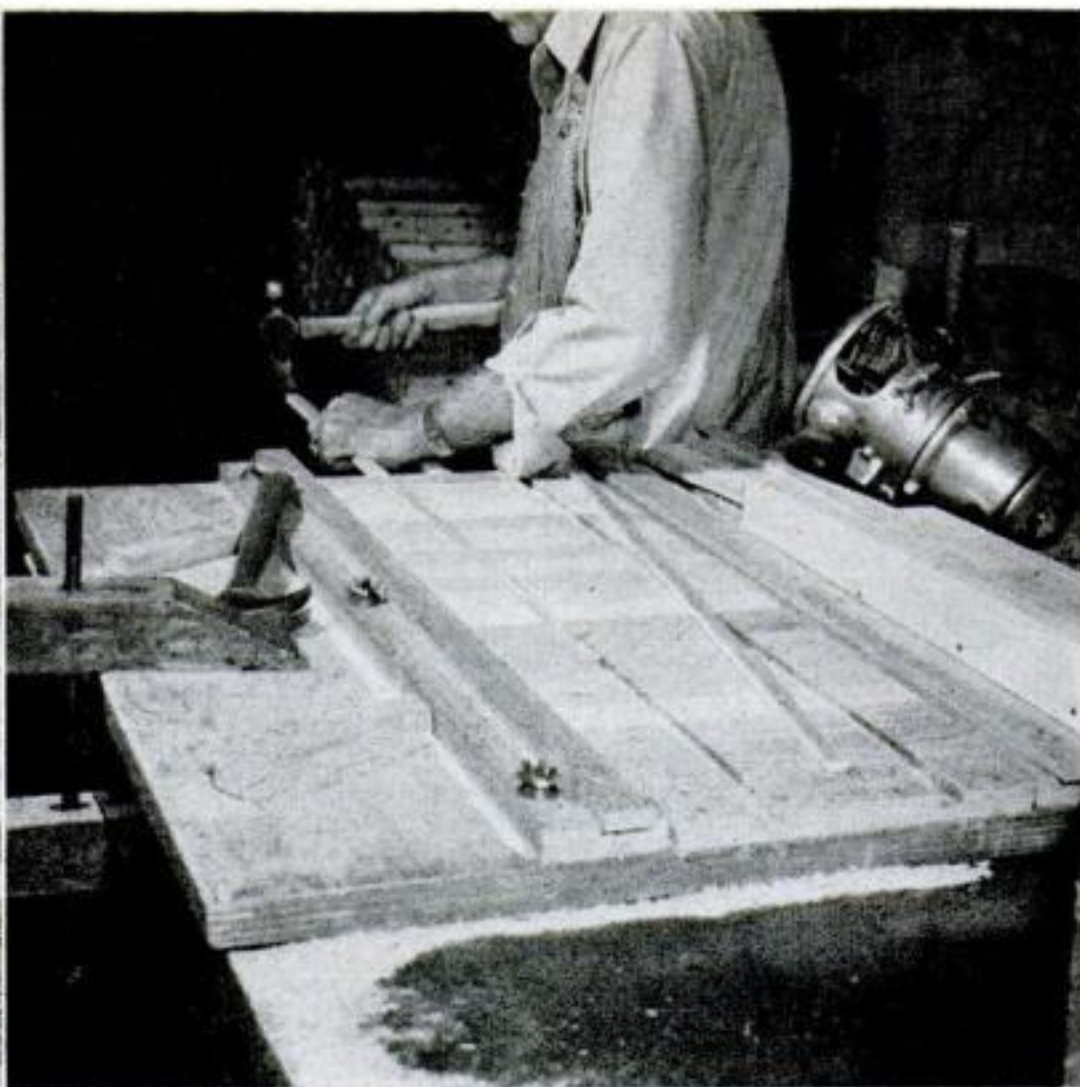
**SECRET OF THE PROCESS** is your own home oven. Heat strips of wood so they shrink, insert them into grooved flooring scraps, and you have fine, permanently bonded parquet blocks.







**NEW FLOOR FROM OLD SCRAPS** began with this grooving jig at the Forest Products Laboratory. Scraps were locked together and two dovetail grooves cut on the underside with a router.



**LONG SPLINES**, heat-shrunk just before using, were then tapped snugly into the dovetail grooves. Splines were made thinner than the grooves so they wouldn't protrude after swelling.

lumberyards, furniture plants and other woodworking shops. The flooring was developed especially for concrete-slab houses, but can also be used over wood subfloors.

**The idea is simple.** You lay short strips side by side, cut a pair of parallel dovetail grooves across the back, and slip oven-dried splines of wood into the grooves. The dried, preshrunk splines start to swell at once and bind the strips into permanent blocks. No nails, glue or other fastening are needed.

You can use any kind of tough hardwood strips as long as they are of the same thickness and vary from 1" to 2" in width. Good flooring woods like oak, maple and birch are recommended, but you can also work in pieces of walnut, cherry, tupelo, gum, ash, elm and beech. By intermixing woods of different colors and grains, you can create striking patterns.

For the spline strips, soft pine is recommended because it has large shrinkage and swelling. A few fruit crates should provide all that you'll need.

Use dry lumber. Good flooring should

be fairly dry to keep it from shrinking in winter and opening up cracks. Unless the wood you buy is kiln-dried—and scrap-pile stuff isn't likely to be—it should be stored to dry it out before you use it.

Let the wood stand awhile in an unheated shed, crawl space or cellar. Then cut it into small pieces near the size you want and stack them, log-cabin style with vent spaces in between, for six to 12 weeks in a heated room.

The wood for the splines is dried in the kitchen oven just before you need it. Leave it in for 12 hours at about 200°. Cut the splines to final shape only after they're dry and then be ready to use them immediately.

**Cutting the grooves.** Clamp the flooring strips or lock them in a jig to hold them together while you groove them for the splines. A standard size for parquet blocks is 9" square, so cut the strips slightly longer than 9" before grooving, and then trim the completed blocks to exact size later.

The Forest Products people make two straight grooves first with a dado cutter in a table saw, then use a portable router





**LOCKED TIGHT** by the fast-swelling splines, a 3' strip of flooring could be removed from the jig almost immediately. Long strips were then cut into separate blocks on a table saw.

to shape them into dovetails. If a router isn't available, you can cut the whole dovetail on a table saw. Make two angled cuts  $\frac{3}{8}$ " apart, sloping outward so that they are wider at the base than at the surface of the wood. Then clean out the wood between the cuts with a dado cutter.

Cut the splines to a similar dovetail shape, but make the sides slightly straighter than the angle of the dovetail grooves. This way the splines will have a little room to expand without crushing their edges. They should be a snug but not tight fit in the grooves.

When the strips are joined, wait a day for the splines to start swelling, then trim the blocks to final shape. With the saw at the same setting, run them through in both directions to make sure that all the blocks are square and uniform.

**Laying them down.** The parquet blocks are laid in the same way as conventional floor tiles, except that a contact cement is recommended in place of the usual black mastic. (Unless spread very thinly, the mastic may work up through



**OFFICE NEEDED A NEW FLOOR** so the Forest Products engineers tried out their own. Blocks were brushed with contact cement and set like tiles. They proved handsome and sturdy.

cracks in the wood strips and mar the surface.)

Use the rubber-base type of contact cement such as is sold for bonding kitchen counter tops. Brush it on both the floor and the backs of the blocks and let it set as the manufacturer recommends. This cement grips instantly, so lay the blocks carefully—you won't be able to slide them around once they're down. Tip them in place against adjoining blocks to keep them square.

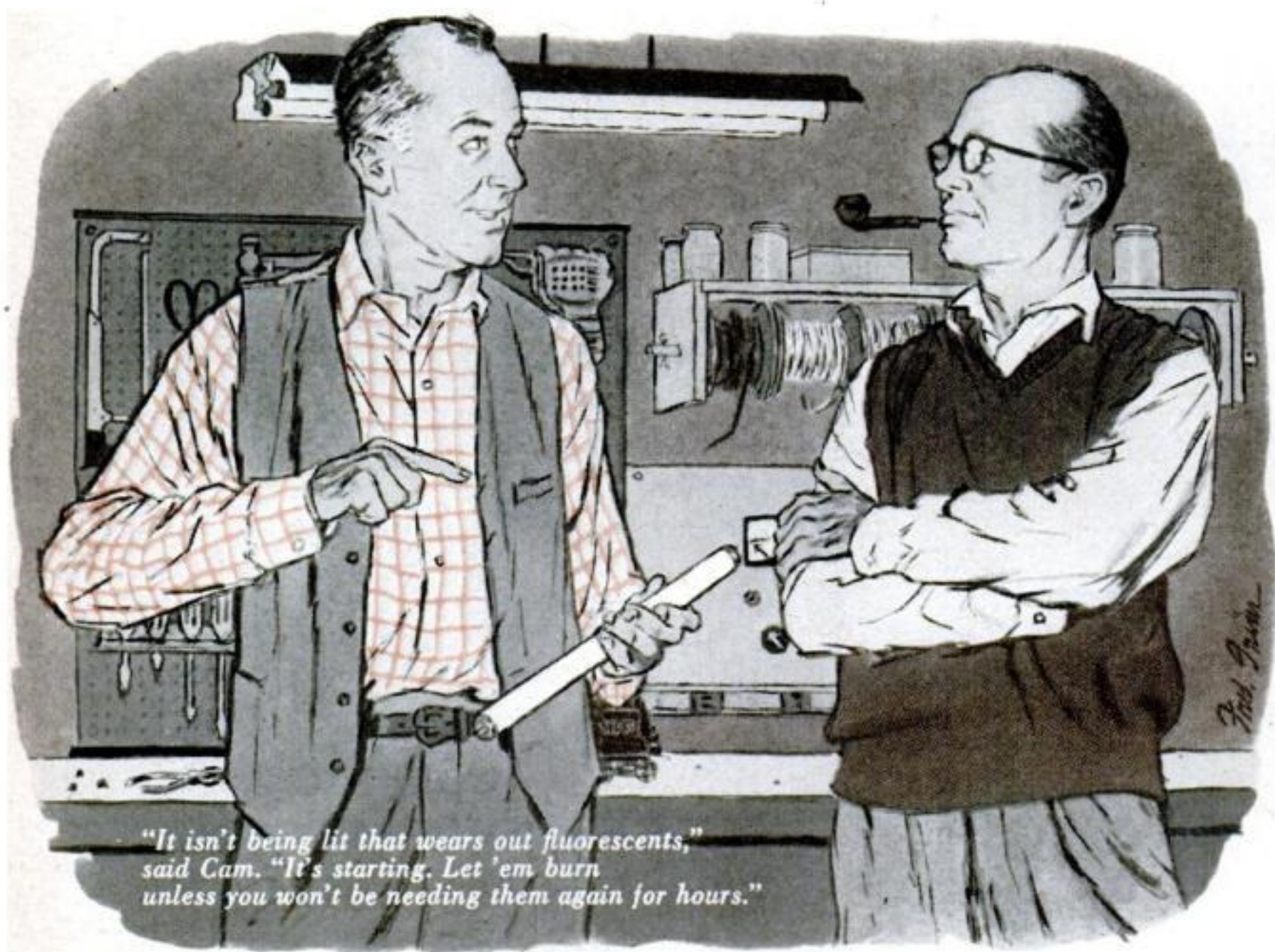
You can use the cement on either concrete or plywood subfloors. On plank-type subfloors, it's best to face-nail the blocks in place to pull them down tight against the uneven boards. You can countersink the heads and cover them over with a matching-color wood filler so that they won't show. An occasional small hump in any kind of floor can be compensated for by chiseling out the underside of the block to fit over it.

When all the blocks are down, smooth them with a rotary floor sander, which you can probably rent from your hardware store. Then finish the floor with varnish, shellac or floor sealer. **END**



**Cam Evans, electrical expert, tells what you should know about**

# Trouble-Shooting Fluorescent Lamps



**By Jack Foster**

**C**HILL gusts of wind nipped my heels as I started cleaning out my garage. The wintry sun had ducked behind a bank of bleak-looking clouds that promised snow.

In the back of the garage it was so dark that I had to switch on the new fluorescent light I had put up this summer. It flashed on, then winked out.

With a basketful of trash in both

hands, I peered at it expectantly. It obligingly blinked on. I started off with the basket. The light went out.

Putting down my load, I switched the light off and back on again. It lit. I picked up the basket.

The light went out.

Feeling like Donald Duck in a crisis, I carried out the basket. When I returned the lamp was lit. Then it went out.

**Trekking next door** I found Cam Evans working on a toy train under the



well-behaved fluorescents in his shop.

"Promised my nephew I'd fix this before Christmas," he explained.

"Uh-huh. Cam, could you lend me a 40-watt fluorescent? I have a bad one."

He nodded. "Third shelf. Take a starter too, in case it's not the lamp."

I found both, thanked him and left. My garage light was still blinking. I put in the new lamp and starter.

**It lit at the first flip.** I loaded some old jugs into the basket—and the light went off. Then it repeated.

Finishing in semidarkness, I was taking out the last load when a scarecrow-like figure bounded into the doorway.

"Mr. Foster! Come see what I got."

It was Bud Nolan, even more excited than usual. When I got to the curb, Cam was standing by the boy's topless jalopy. It was loaded with what looked like junk.

"Look at 'em! Ten perfectly good fluorescent lights. Mr. Nichols is remodeling his store on Main Street. He gave me all these for cleaning out the place."

Cam lifted a couple. "Good deal, Bud, they're a little old, but useful."

"I'll say. That crusty Mike Willard in the shoe store saw me carry these out. He asked Mr. Nichols to sell him one, but Mr. Nichols said it was up to me."

**Bud chuckled.** "Old Willard didn't like it, but I sold him one—for five bucks."

Cam said, "Take them into my shop. I'll show you how to check 'em. Clean them good—dirty fixtures can lose a lot more light than you'd think."

We helped Bud take his haul downstairs. Cam cleared a bench for him.

"Now, Jack," said Cam. "What's wrong?"

"Fluorescent lamps," I answered. "They're too hard to figure out. When an incandescent bulb quits, you know it and replace it. But fluorescents blink and flicker or get dark spots or burn out—"

"Whoa. You put the first one in your kitchen a year ago, and three or four more this spring. Odds are you won't burn one out for four years."

"Four—years?"

**Cam nodded.** "Today's fluorescent

## Chart for diagnosing fluorescent-lamp ailments

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REMEDY
Blinking on and off	Lamp at normal end of life	Replace lamp
	Defective starter	Replace starter
	Low temperature or cold drafts	Substitute thermal starter, shield lamp, or use low-temperature lamp
	Wrong ballast	Check rating
	Low line voltage	Check voltage
	Poor contact in lamp holders	Make sure holders are firmly mounted, wires tight and lamp pins clean
Ends continue glowing when lamp is lit	Short circuit in starter condenser	Clip out condenser or replace starter
	Starter contacts welded together	Replace starter
Lamp will not start or starts reluctantly	No current	Check outlet
	Bad on-off switch	Replace switch
	Broken filament or air leak	Check filaments; replace lamp if necessary
	Starter sluggish or at end of its life	Replace starter
	Wrong ballast or open circuit in it	Check ballast
	Burned-out filaments	Inspect for broken lamp holder, grounded socket or wiring before replacing lamp
	Low line voltage	Check voltage
	Open circuit	Test voltage across lamp holders, leads to them, and circuit
Pronounced irregular flashing or flicker	Temporary defect in new lamp	Turn lamp on and off several times
	Starter defective	Replace starter
	Wrong ballast	Check rating
	Temporary defect in used lamp	Turn lamp off briefly
	Defective lamp	Try another in same holders
Reduced light from lamp	Light output of new lamp is above rating	Lamps normally give less light after first 100 hours
	Cold drafts or low temperature	Shield lamp or enclose it
	Too much heat around lamp	Ventilate fixture
	Low line voltage	Check voltage

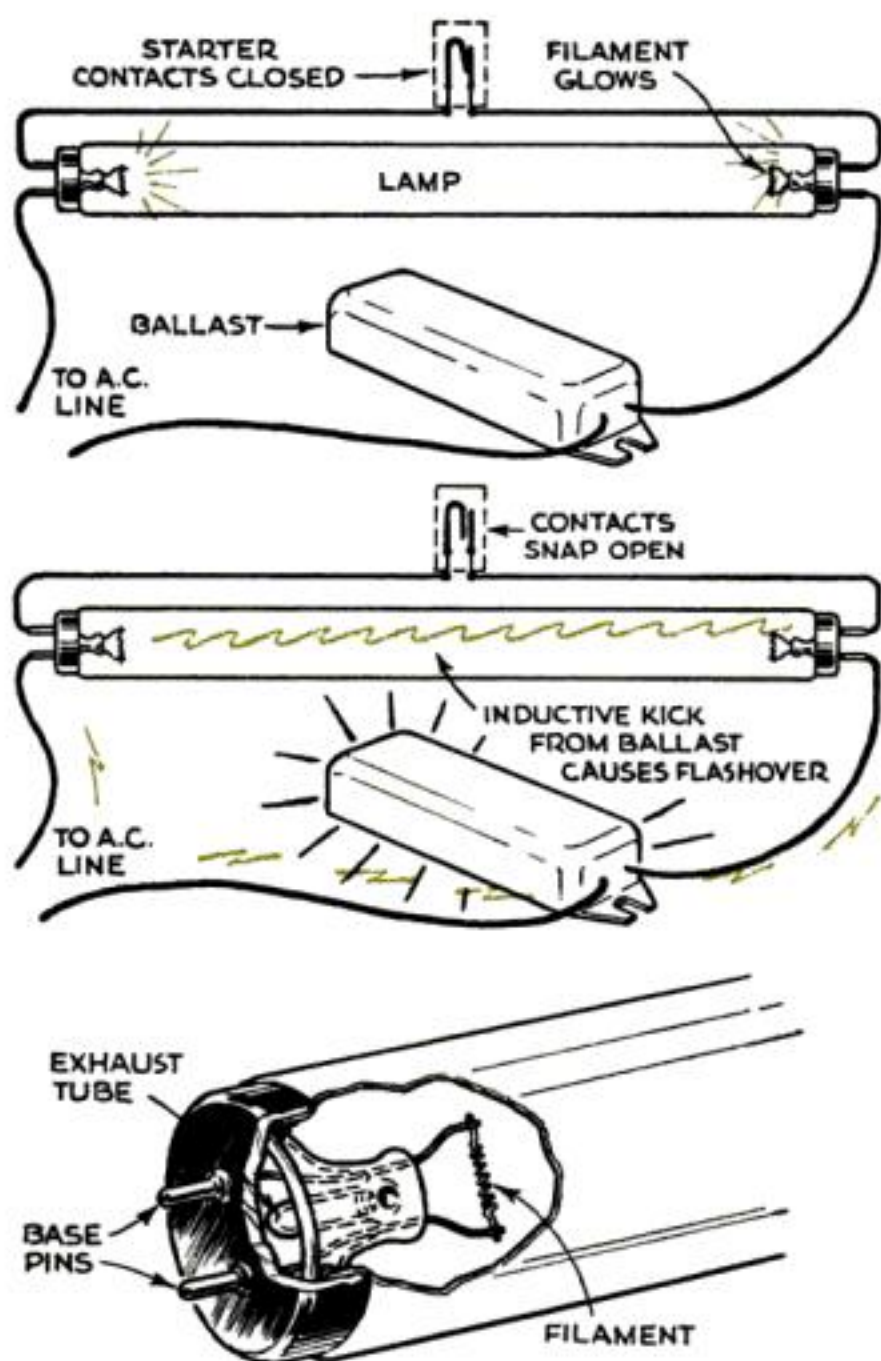
lamps have an average life of 7,000 hours. If you burn 'em three hours a day, half of them should last seven years. I said four to be conservative."

"Huh! I nurse them—turn them off every time I walk out of the room."

"In that case," Cam said quickly, "I'll



## How a fluorescent lamp works



**IT'S GAS THAT GLOWS** in a fluorescent lamp. Electrons flowing through mercury vapor cause it to emit ultraviolet radiation. Chemicals inside the glass tube (phosphors) convert the ultraviolet into visible light.

The phosphor-coated tube has inside it a little argon or krypton gas, a drop of mercury, and a filament at each end. Connected through a starter switch and a ballast—an iron-cored wire coil that holds current to safe limits—the filaments glow, emitting electrons (top). As the starter automatically opens, the ballast generates a high-voltage kick that makes electrons flash over, lighting the tube, and the filaments no longer glow. A manual starting switch can be used. These are common in desk lamps.

cut the four years to two. The less often you turn them on and off, the better—it's starting that wears them out."

"Costs juice to let them burn."

"You're still ahead. A 30-watt lamp and ballast take about 35 watts, but gives more light than a 100-watt bulb. It outlasts so many bulbs that you save on replacements too."

Bud shuffled his feet. "Mr. Evans, would you mind looking?"

He showed us a fixture lying on the bench. One lamp was lit. The other blinked on and off, shimmering oddly.

"That lamp is worn out," said Cam. "See how the ends are blackened for a couple of inches, and glow red between blinks? The filaments have lost their coating and can't emit enough electrons to establish the arc, Bud."

"But the fixture is okay, huh?" Bud sighed in relief. "How about this one?"

The lamp he switched on did nothing.

"Contacts may be dirty. Try twisting the lamp in them," Cam suggested.

Bud did so, but the lamp stayed dead.

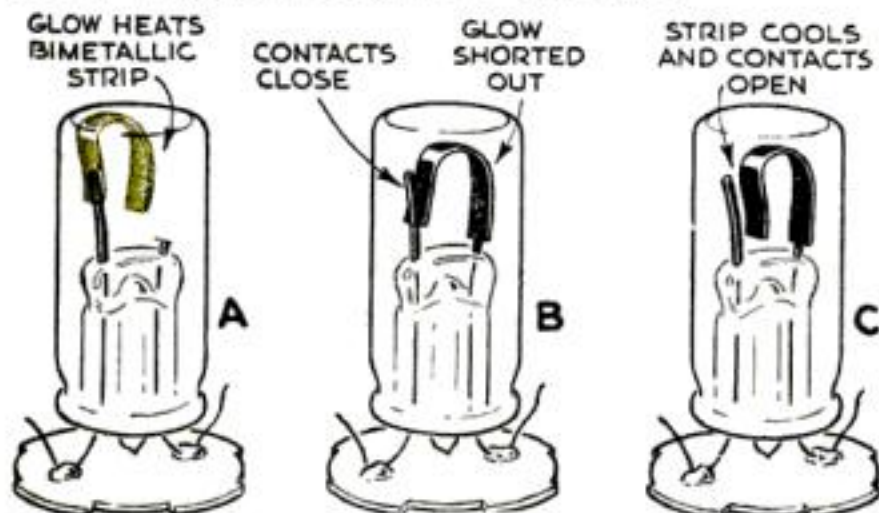
"Could be a bad filament or a broken lamp-holder connection," said Cam.

**Bud removed the lamp.** "Can I use this to check?" He picked up a test bulb—a socket with two wires attached.

Cam shook his head. "That 40-watt fixture has an autotransformer in the ballast to boost voltage to 200. It would burn out the bulb. You could use a 220-volt bulb, a neon tester, or a voltmeter."

Bud held the prods of the neon tester Cam gave him to one contact in each holder. It showed nothing. He changed prods to the other clips with no result.

## How a glow starter works



**COMMON GLOW-SWITCH STARTERS** consist of a small glass bulb filled with neon or argon gas. With the fluorescent lamp unlit, there is enough voltage across the fixed starter contact and the bimetallic strip to cause a glow discharge (A). This heats the strip, making it bend and touch the other contact, which closes the filament circuits in the fluorescent lamp but shorts out the current that causes the starter glow (B). The strip therefore cools and snaps back, opening the contacts and making the ballast create a voltage surge that starts the lamp (C). With current flowing in the lamp, there is not enough voltage to cause a glow in the starter, and it stays open until the lamp is turned off.



"Ballast's burned out," he groaned.

"Keep checking. Remember, only one clip in each holder should be alive. That means you can check across them four ways, and only one should show juice."

Bud shifted just one prod. The neon bulb stayed dead. He switched the other, and the indicator glowed.

"It's the lamp after all," he said.

"Let's have a look," Cam suggested. Punching a small hole in a piece of aluminum foil, he shaped the foil over a big incandescent bulb. As he held the fluorescent lamp over the hole, a Y-shaped shadow appeared on the tube. The fragments of a filament dangled from its horns.

"Let's try a different check on this one," Cam said, picking up a lamp that had two bent base pins. He inserted them with difficulty into a holder connected to a screw socket with a 60-watt bulb in it. A pink-violet glow appeared.

"***This lamp's been dropped.*** It has an air leak. Better dump it, Bud."

"Okay, I will. Here's another I guess is no good. The ends keep glowing."

"Put in this starter," said Cam.

He gave Bud a starter shell with two wires and a snap switch. As Bud inserted it, the lamp lit, the ends glowing yellow.

"Flip the switch," Cam ordered.

As Bud did so, the end glow winked out, while the lamp remained lit.

"Starter was defective," Cam said. "Now let's see about your trouble, Jack."

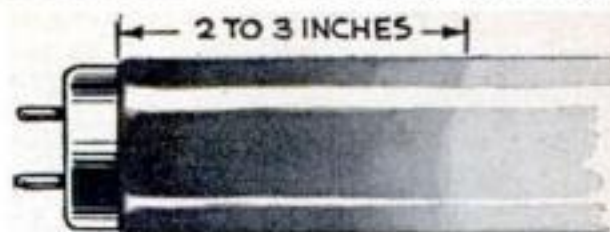
We walked to my garage. As I turned on the lamp it flickered just as before.

"It worked fine when I put it up this fall," I said. "Now look at it."

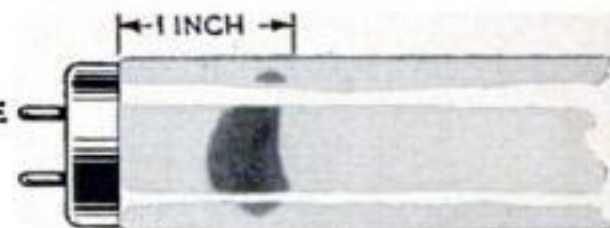
"It's the weather," said Cam soberly.

## Lamp spots and what they mean

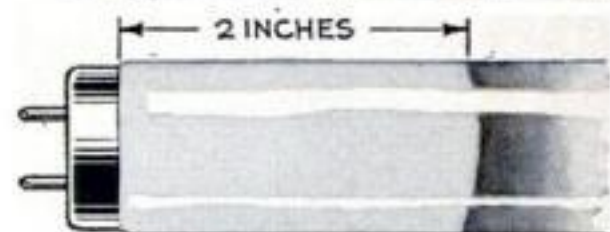
**A**  
NORMAL AGING;  
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**B**  
NORMAL IN OLD  
LAMPS; EXCESSIVE  
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VOLTAGE IN  
NEWER ONES



**C**  
RING OR BAND  
HAS NO  
SIGNIFICANCE



**D**  
STREAKS ARE  
CONDENSED  
MERCURY



**LAMP DARKENING** may be a symptom of circuit trouble. If normal end blackening (A) appears too early, the starter may be bad, the ballast the wrong rating, line voltage excessive or the lamp loose in its clips. Similar faults may lead to dark spots (B); but if there is no circuit fault, spots may disappear in time. Gray-brown rings or bands (C) can be ignored as a small appearance defect. Streaks of condensed mercury (D), usually along the bottom, may be due to cold drafts or cool metal touching the glass. These streaks are harmless (turning the lamp 180 degrees may help eliminate them).

I glared at him. "Joke, huh?"

"No joke, Jack. Fluorescents are hard to start when they get chilled. Line voltage may be a bit low out here, too."

"The tube you gave me lit at first."

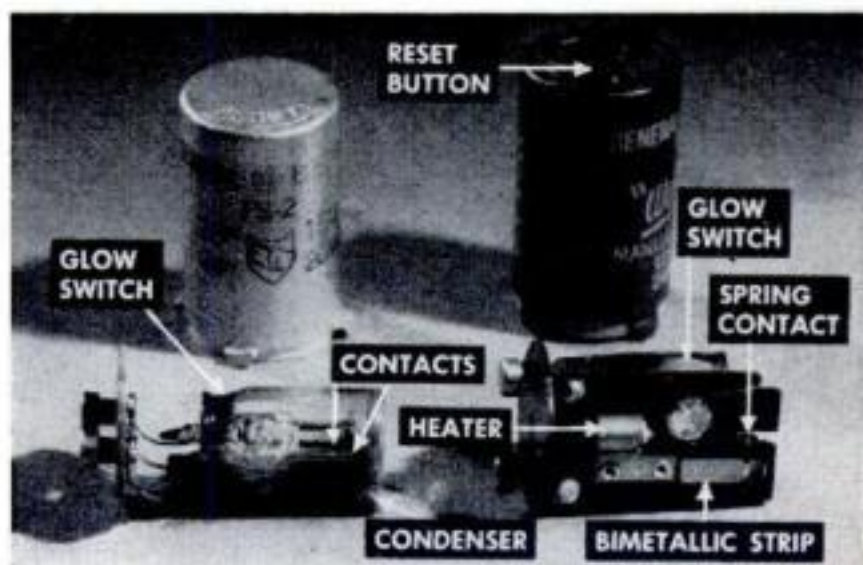
"Sure. It was still warm from being in my basement." Cam snapped out the starter. "Is this the one from my place?"

"Yeah. You said to take it—"

"Uh-huh. But you took a 20-watter. It

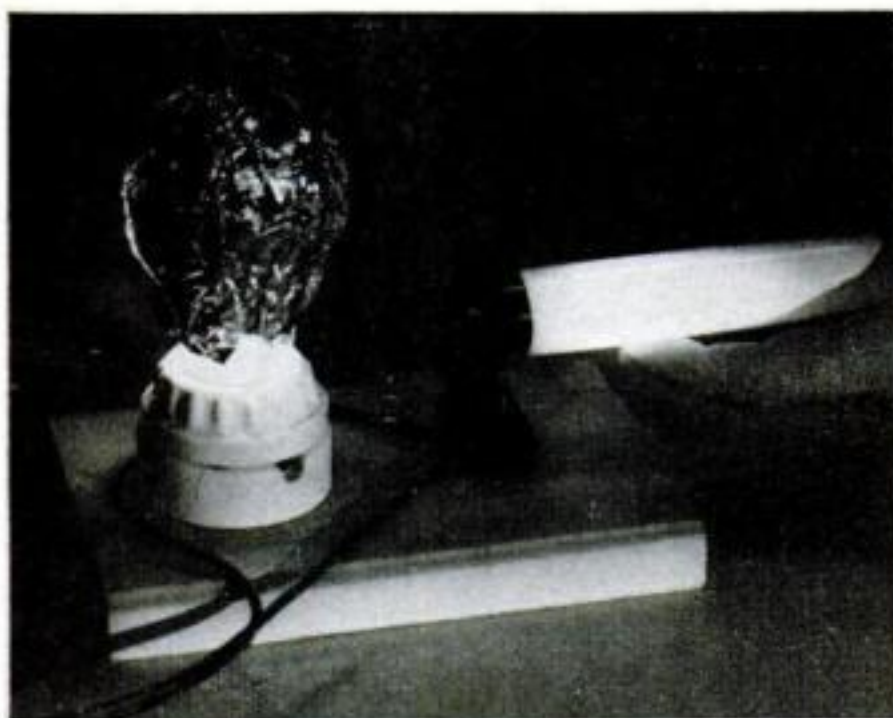
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**WITH THEIR COATS OFF**, two popular types of starters—the glow switch (near right) described on opposite page, and the manual reset (far right)—look like this. The small condenser is chiefly to reduce radio interference. If it shorts, it may be snipped off to make the starter serviceable again. Manual reset has a heater coil besides. If lamp does not light after several flashings, coil develops enough heat to trip bimetallic contact, opening circuit. When lamp is replaced, starter must be reset by pressing a button. Thermal-switch starters (not shown) have a heater that warms up a bimetallic strip until it opens, starting lamp. Heater stays warm, drawing a tiny current, while the lamp is lit.





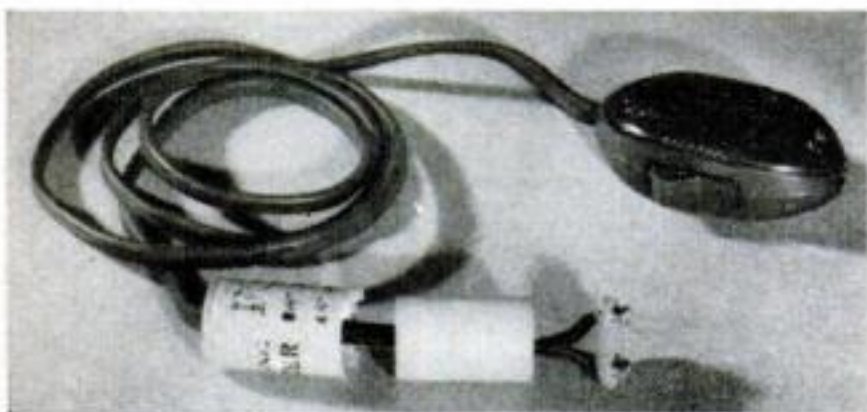
## Two ways to check condition of fluorescent-lamp filaments



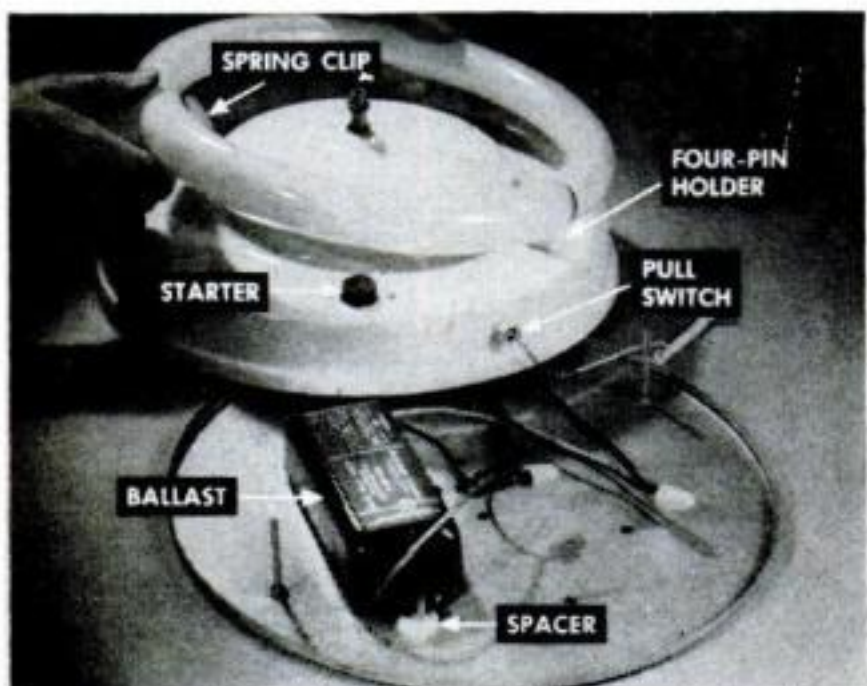
**MOUNT A LAMP HOLDER** and a screw socket in series like this. Insert 25-watt bulb for testing 4 to 13-watt fluorescents, a 60-watt for 14 to 40 watters, a 200-watt for 90 and 100-watt lamps. Shield bulb to see glow at end of lamp; it should fluoresce, indicating filament is emitting electrons. Red glow means that the filament coating is exhausted (also shown by end darkening) or that the lamp has an air leak.



**YOU CAN SEE** if the filament is intact with this simple setup. Cover any 100-watt bulb with aluminum foil in which a good-sized pinhole has been punched. Turn on the bulb and hold suspect fluorescent lamp before the pinhole. Shadow of filament and its supports will be thrown on the inner surface of the tube as shown above. Do not confuse solid supports with the coiled filament between them.



**TO MAKE A TEST STARTER**, open an old one, unsolder and discard inner parts, and solder lamp-cord leads to base terminals. Run cord out through hole punched in shell, and reassemble. Attach snap switch to other end of cord.



**CIRCULAR LAMPS** have a single four-pin plug. Always push the pins into their socket first; then lower the lamp into the spring clip as above. In this fixture, the ballast is mounted on soft asbestos spacers to minimize hum.

would keep a 40-watt lamp like this blinking even if it weren't cold."

"Heck, I thought all starters were alike. I better put back a bulb socket here."

"You needn't. Try a thermal starter, and rig something to keep drafts off the lamp. If that doesn't help, you can get a low-temperature lamp in this 40-watt size. Worth it, too. Fluorescents are ideal to work by."

"Then I need 'em—or bifocals," I said. "When I turned on my lathe last night for the first time since spring, it seemed to be running backwards at times."

What Cam meant to answer was forgotten as a car screeched to a stop outside. A small, red-faced man carrying a two-lamp fluorescent fixture stomped angrily into Cam's shop.

"No young smart aleck is going to take me," Mike Willard roared as we followed.

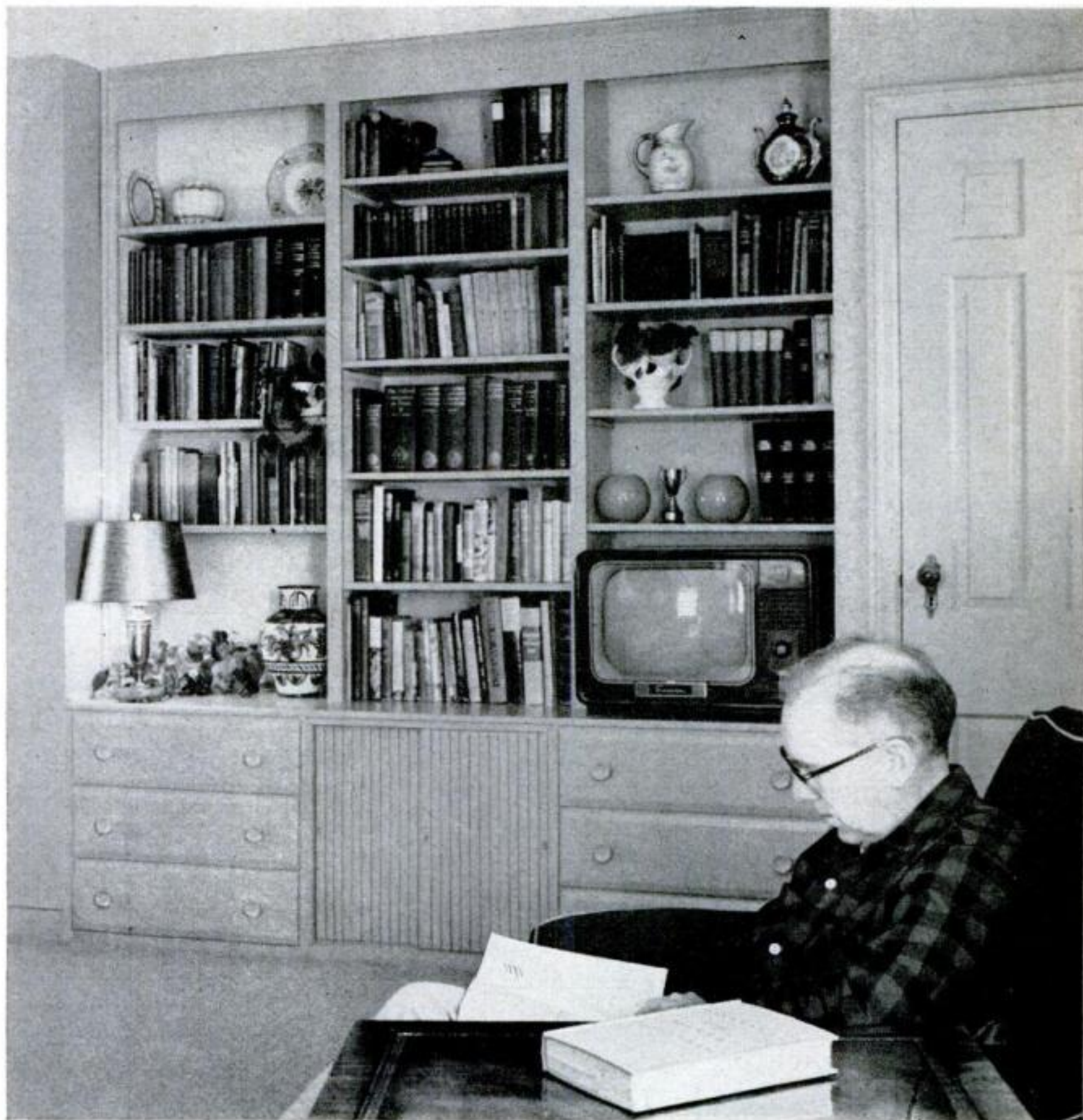
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### NEXT MONTH:

For the home electrician: New switches and outlets modernize home wiring. Read how to install them with just one tool—a screwdriver.



# It's Worth Remembering:



## Ready-Made Units Make Built-in an Easier Job

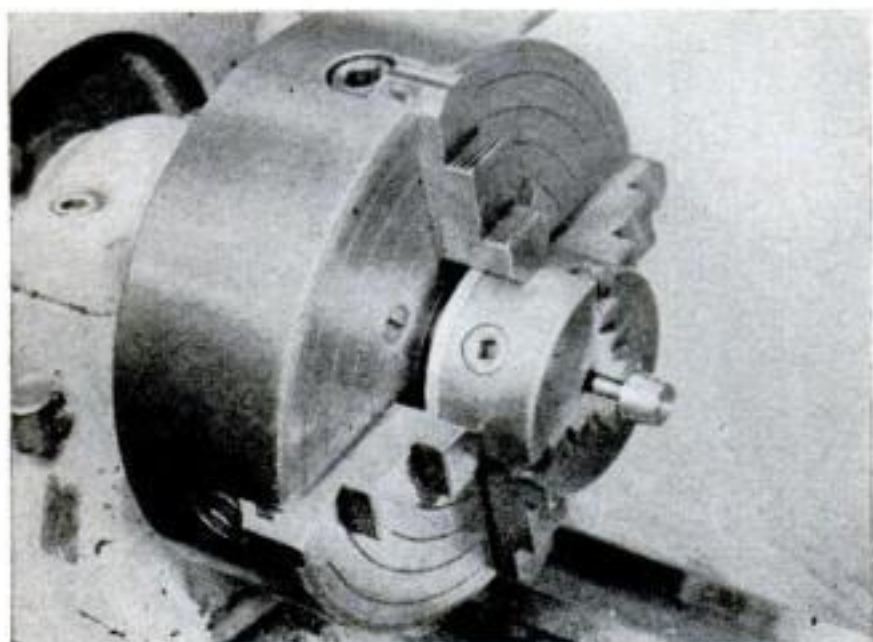
**B**UILDING drawers may be an easy job for a skilled woodworker, but I'm not a skilled woodworker. For this built-in, in a wall recess in my home, I avoided the issue by buying three unpainted cabinets of the same height—two with drawers, one with sliding doors. A wood filler strip took care of a slight gap at each end of the line of cabinets.

Filler strips also were placed at the rear, level with the tops of the cabinets, to bring the fronts flush with the wall line.

For a continuous top surface I puttied the joints and sanded them smooth. Molding hides the front joints. The shelves and uprights above are  $\frac{3}{4}$ " lumber. The shelves rest on cleats.—Howard G. McEntee, Ridgewood, N.J.

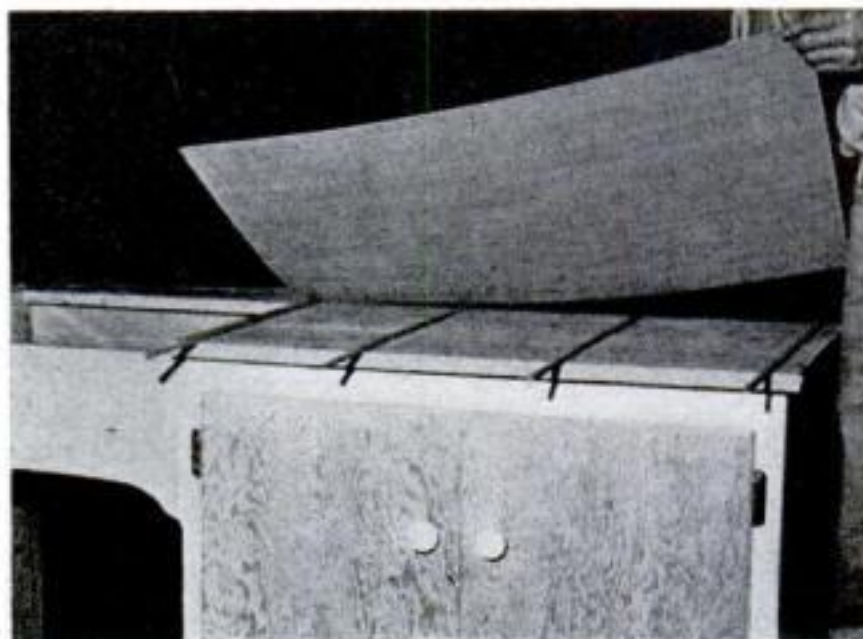


# New Shop Ideas



**Dual Chucks Center Small Work.** When a big lathe is fitted only with a four-jaw independent chuck, or its own large three-jaw will not close far enough for small work, it can be set up as above.

Mount a small universal chuck in the four-jaw, with its key socket between two jaws. Insert a piece of round stock in the little chuck and set a dial indicator on it. Then adjust the jaws of the independent chuck so that the stock runs true.—*H. J. Gerber, Stillwater, Okla.*

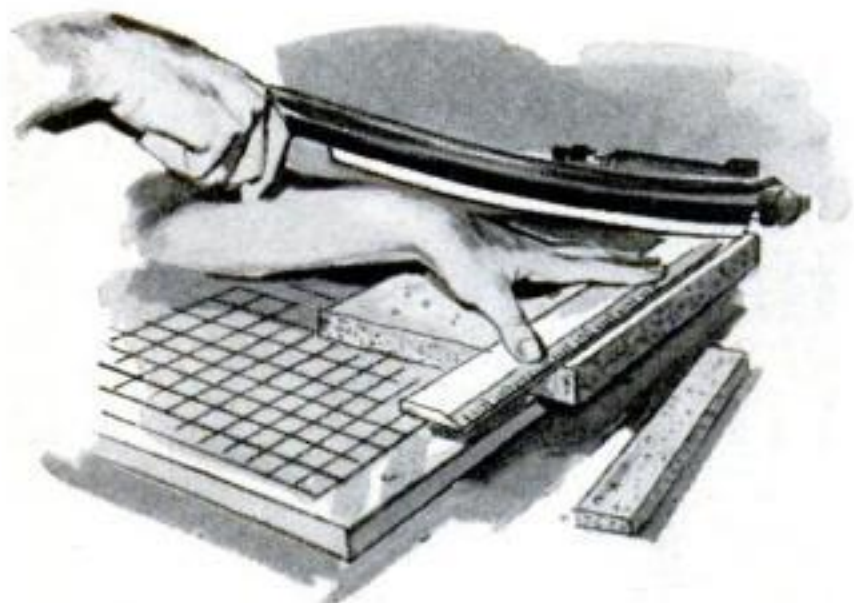


**Aligning Cemented Sheets.** In using contact cement, you must be careful to keep the coated surfaces from touching until exactly aligned. Directions usually advise inserting paper between, but sliding this out may move the sheet.

Strips of wood about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " square serve the purpose better. Place them close enough to prevent sagging. With the sheet in position, pull out one strip of wood at a time as you press it down.—*Warner G. Tilsher, San Gabriel, Calif.*

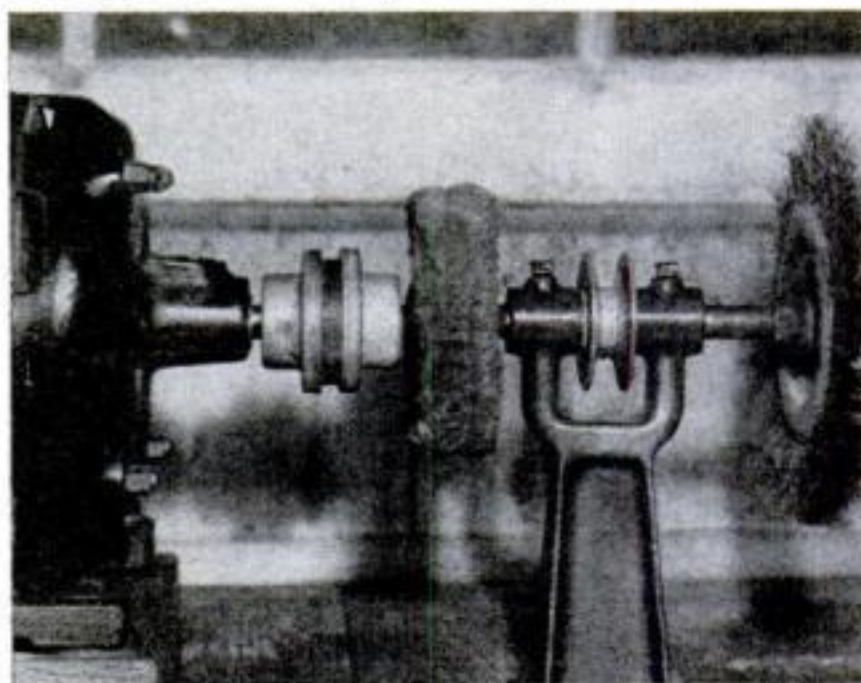
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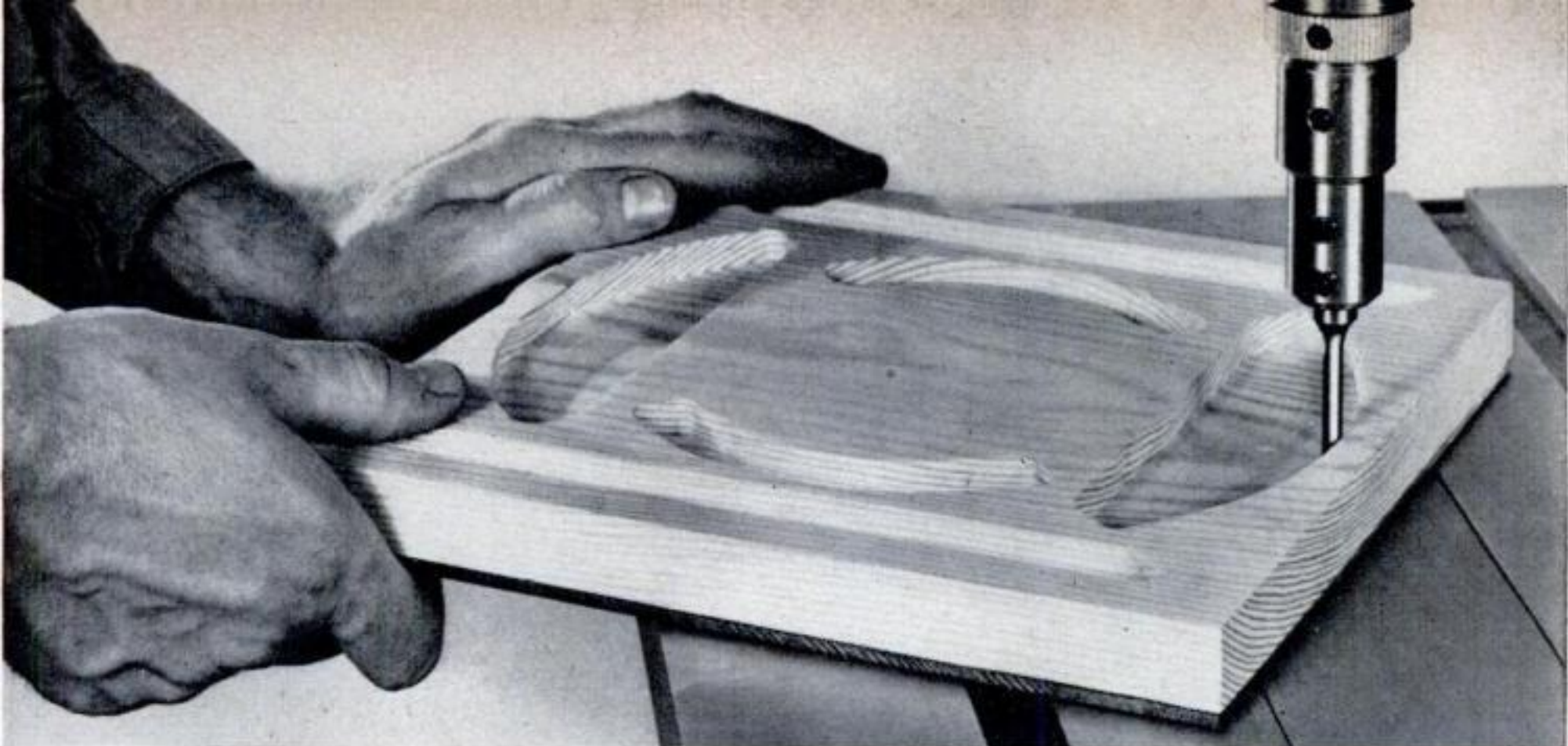


**Slicing Foam Rubber.** Difficult to cut neatly with knife or shears, foam rubber can be sliced evenly to any thickness on a trimming board as shown above. Squeeze the rubber down with a ruler as you lower the knife to cut.

**Beltless Drive Saves Room.** Lack of space sometimes makes it impossible to mount a motor behind a power tool in the usual way. But tools that may be run at the speed of the motor, such as polishing heads, can be direct-coupled as shown below. Block up the tool or the motor if necessary to align the two shafts, and join them with a flexible coupling.—*Herbert Y. Moon, Orient, N. Y.*





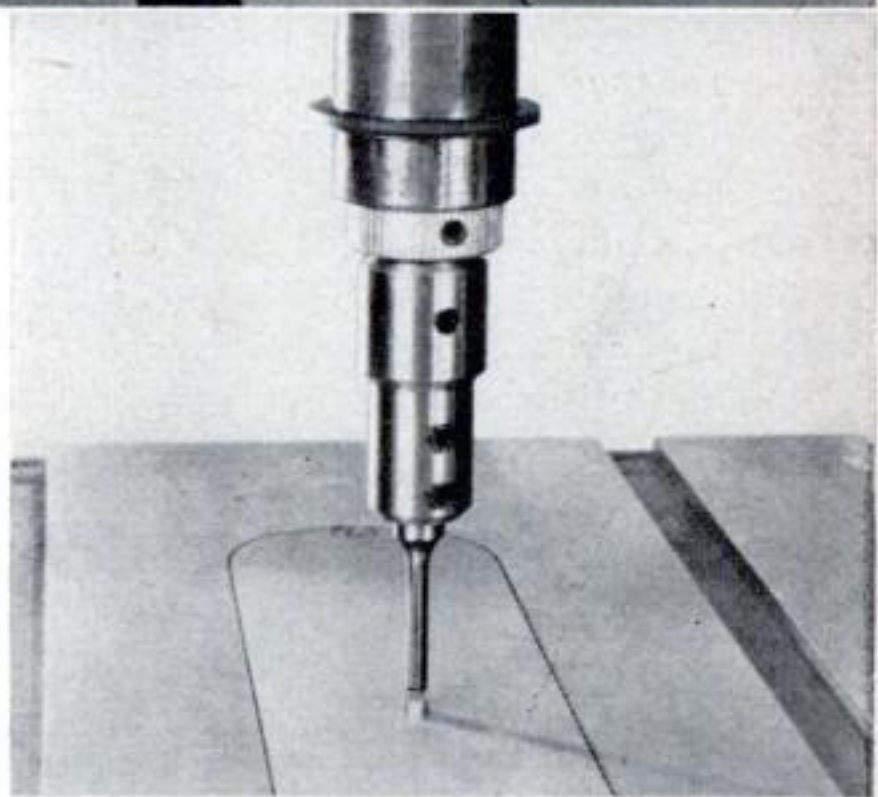


**Carving the Easy Way.** Trays, steak platters, box lids and trim with routed ornamentation can be turned out on the drill press. By using a pattern to guide the work, you can make any number of pieces, all exactly alike.

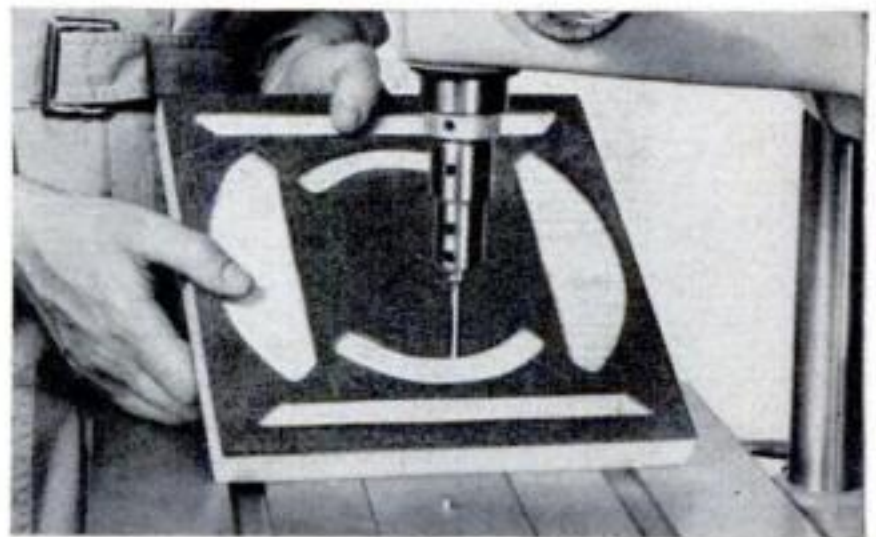
Place a blank insert in the drill-press table if it is the type shown, or screw a false top of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood to the table. Chuck a drill the size of the router bit to make a hole in the insert (in a wooden top, use the router bit itself). Drive a tight-fitting steel pin or hardwood dowel into the hole until only  $\frac{3}{16}$ " protrudes.

Mark the pattern design on  $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood or hardboard. Cut out the recess areas and smooth all edges. You can trace this cutout design on top of the stock as a help in guiding, but this is not necessary after you've done a few pieces. Fasten the pattern to the underside of the stock with brads or short screws.

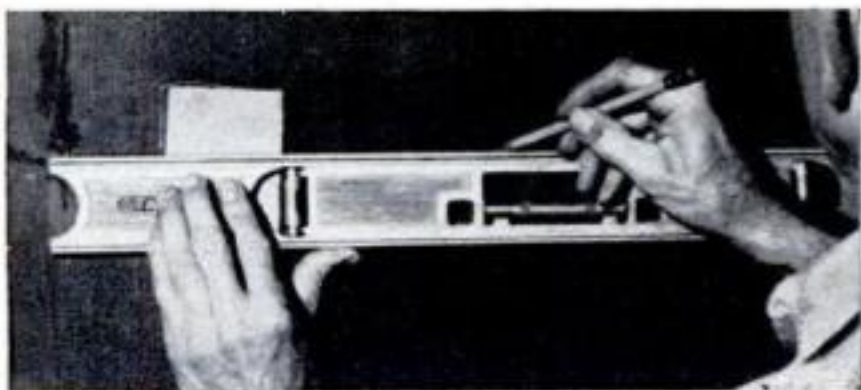
Holding the work firmly down on the table, with a pattern recess area over the pin, move as the pin permits. Raise the spindle to move to the next area. When all parts are recessed, remove the pattern and attach it to the next piece of stock.—*Darrell Huff, Sonoma, Calif.*



**DRILL A HOLE** for the guide pin with table locked, so that pin is centered below spindle.



**TACKED TO BOTTOM** of stock, pattern is placed over pin that guides the work as it is routed.

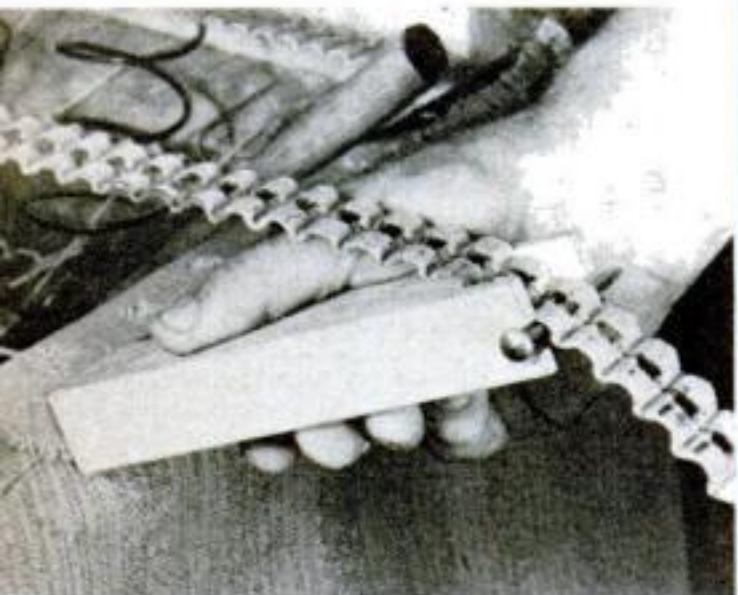


**Skidproofing a Level.** Held with one hand against a smooth wall surface, a level will tend to slip out of position as you try to mark along it. To help it stay put, fold a piece of sandpaper with the grit out. Place this between the level and the surface as shown at left.





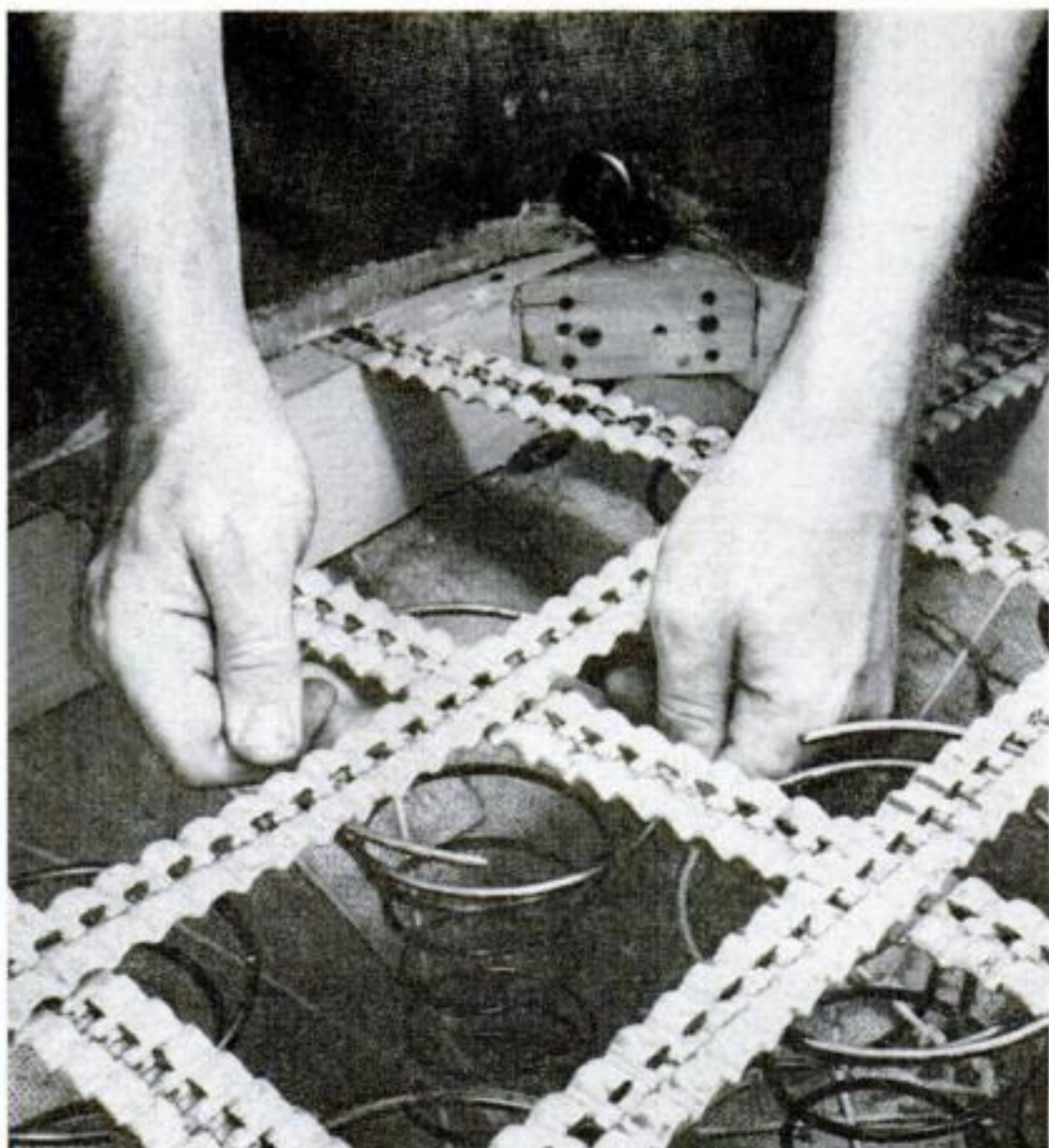
**1 WHERE SPRINGS** meet seat, retie any free loops of twine. Leave opposite (bottom) ends of springs loose.



**2 SPECIAL STRETCHER** pulls new webbing taut. It consists of notched wood block. A nail rests in the notch.



**3 NAIL WEBBING** to frame, push springs aside, stretch and nail to other side, break off. Align with spring centers.



**4 PRESS THE SPRINGS BACK** under the tape after the tape has been crisscrossed on the frame. Twist each spring as above to lock its free end in a webbing loop. Replace the dust cover and the seat is ready for use again.

# New Seat Webbing Makes Repairs Easier

**I**T'S the breakdown of webbing, not coil springs, that causes most sagging seats in upholstered furniture. A new steel webbing tape\* available in kit form now makes such repairs easier.

The tape has built-in loops that lock spring ends in position and thus eliminate bottom twine-tying. Each kit includes a stretcher tool and special hardened nails for driving through the metal to fasten the tape to the frame.

To reweb a chair, remove the muslin dust cover and cut away the jute webbing. Pry out as many tacks as possible, sink those that won't come free. Remaining steps are shown in the photos.

\*Available from Neversag Products, Inc., 901 E. 135th St., New York, N.Y. About \$1.69 for a chair size kit, \$4.59 for the sofa size.





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# You Should Try Chassis Punches

By Kenneth Murray

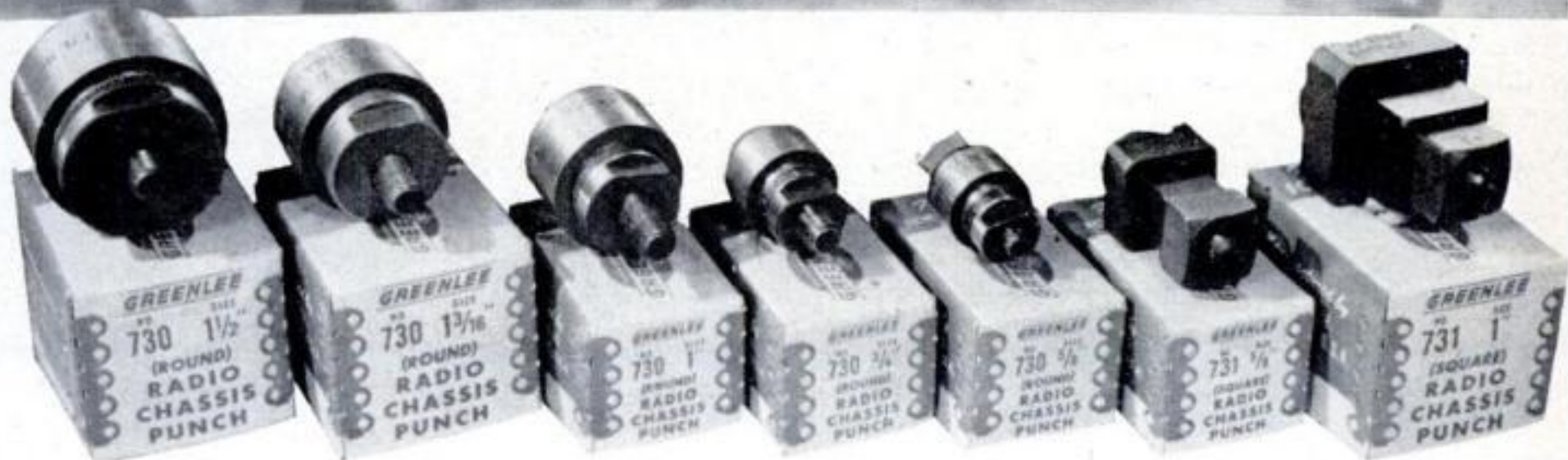
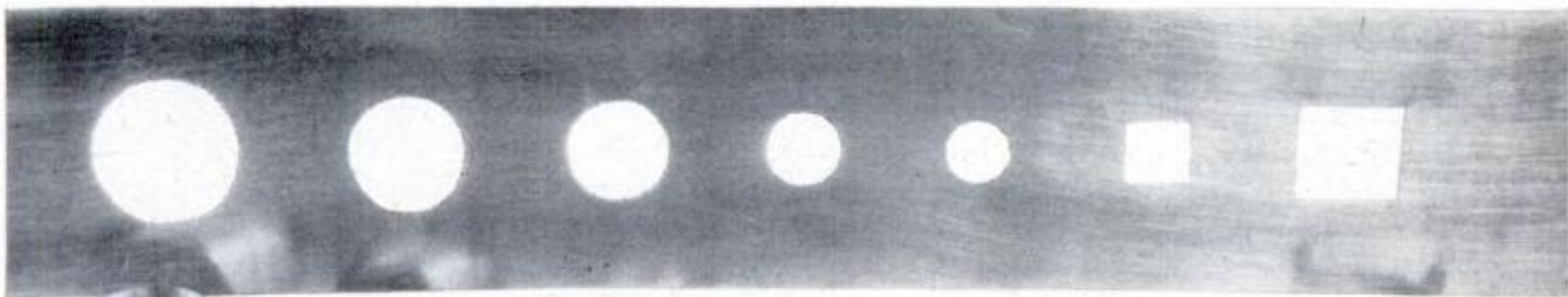
**R**ADIO workers have squirreled away a set of tools that the rest of us could use in scores of everyday jobs. They call them chassis punches.

What are they? Chassis punches are pocket-size punch presses. A couple of twists of a wrench and one of these tools will drive a hole through mild sheet steel as easily as a cookie cutter shears through dough. Radio workers use them to cut openings in chassis metal for tube sockets, filter condensers, transformers, meters and other components.

Each punch cuts a hole of a particular size and shape. Round ones range from  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $3\frac{1}{4}$ "; square ones from  $\frac{5}{8}$ " to 1".

Cork, fiber, asbestos, brass, copper, lead, thin laminates—you name the material and it's a quick bite for the chassis

**POCKET-SIZE BUT TOUGH**, chassis punches like these make light work of driving clean-edged holes through flat stock. They come in a wide range of sizes.





# Don't Cut It: Punch It

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punch. Among the few exceptions are some plastics, the kind that make a brittle sound when you snap them with a finger. Even with heat applied to both the material and the punch—usually an effective treatment—a dense, hard plastic may shatter under cutting pressure. When in doubt, always make a test punch in a piece of scrap to find out how the material will react.

**How do you use them?** Drill a pilot hole, the same diameter as the punch's drive screw, through the stock. Place the punch on one side and the mating die on the other. Slip the drive screw through the hole in the die and on through the pilot hole. Thread the screw into the punch or, if your make of punch has a drive nut, slip the punch over the drive screw and then thread on the drive nut. Either way, a few turns of a wrench on the screw will draw the punch smoothly through the stock.

**Where do you buy them?** You'll find a selection of these punches in any radio-supply store or mail-order catalogue. They cost around \$15 a set.

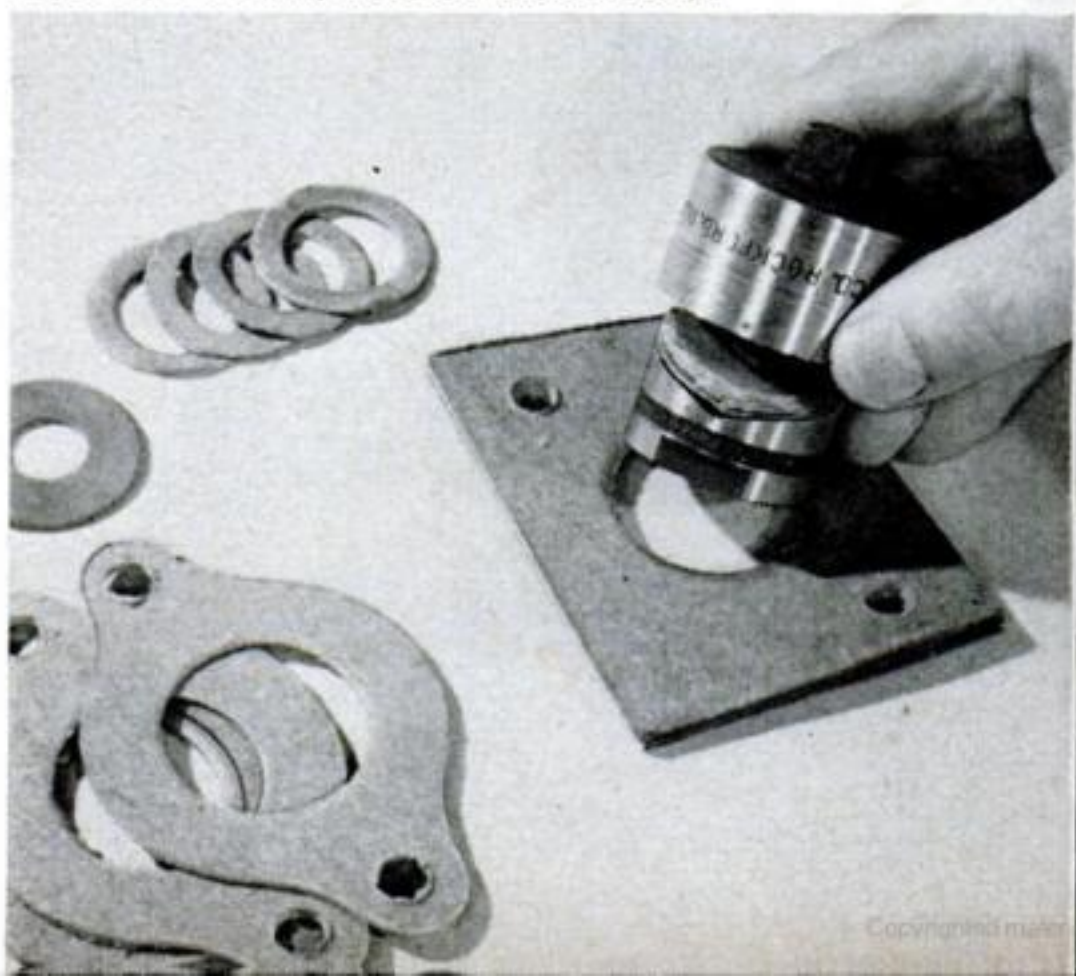
**Where can you use them?** For just about any hole-making job that you encounter in sheet metal, plastic and other flat stock. For instance, they'll drive precision-size holes through tileboard or plastic panels for electric and plumbing fixtures. They're made to order for punching out ornamental grilles, cardboard stencils or lettering guides. Want to fabricate some "structural steel" members for a toy or model? There's nothing simpler. Make a series of punches, round or square, in a strip of heavy-gauge aluminum. Use oil to ease the cutting.

Size and shape don't limit chassis-punch usefulness. By using a square punch repetitively, you can cut out large square or rectangular holes piecemeal. Likewise, round punches solve the problem when openings with curved edges are required.

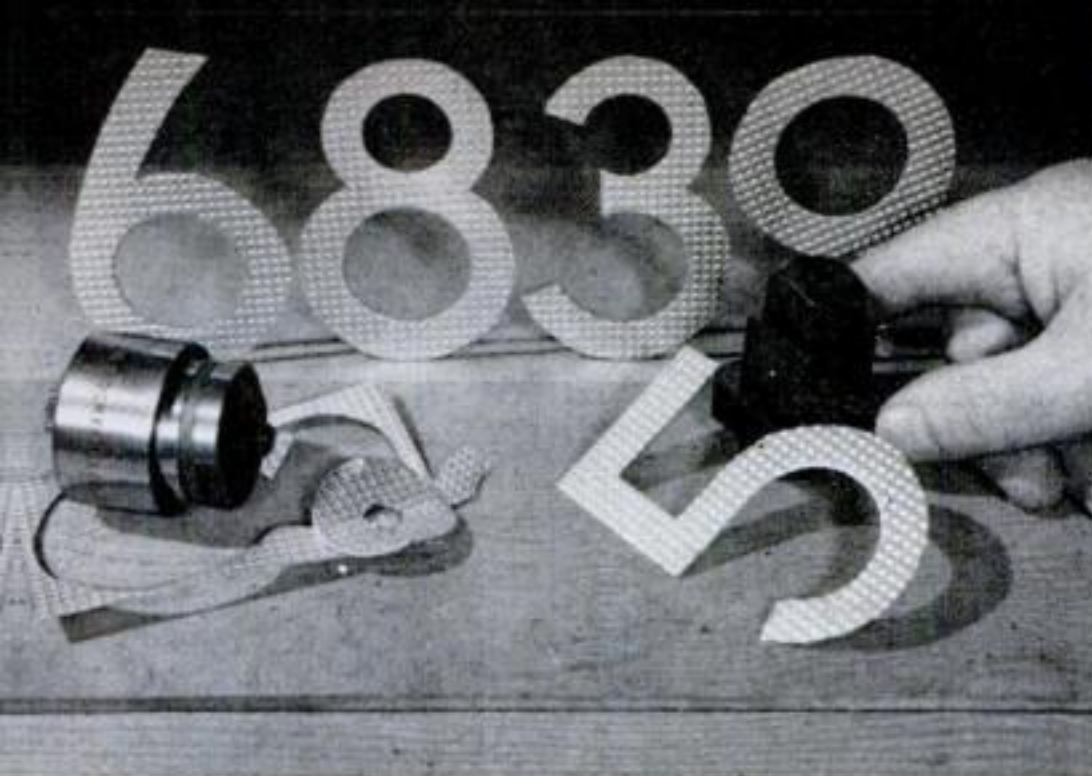


**REPETITIVE PUNCHING** makes attractive grilles. Pilot holes are first drilled to take the drive screw. Turning a nut on the screw draws the punch through the metal and into the die.

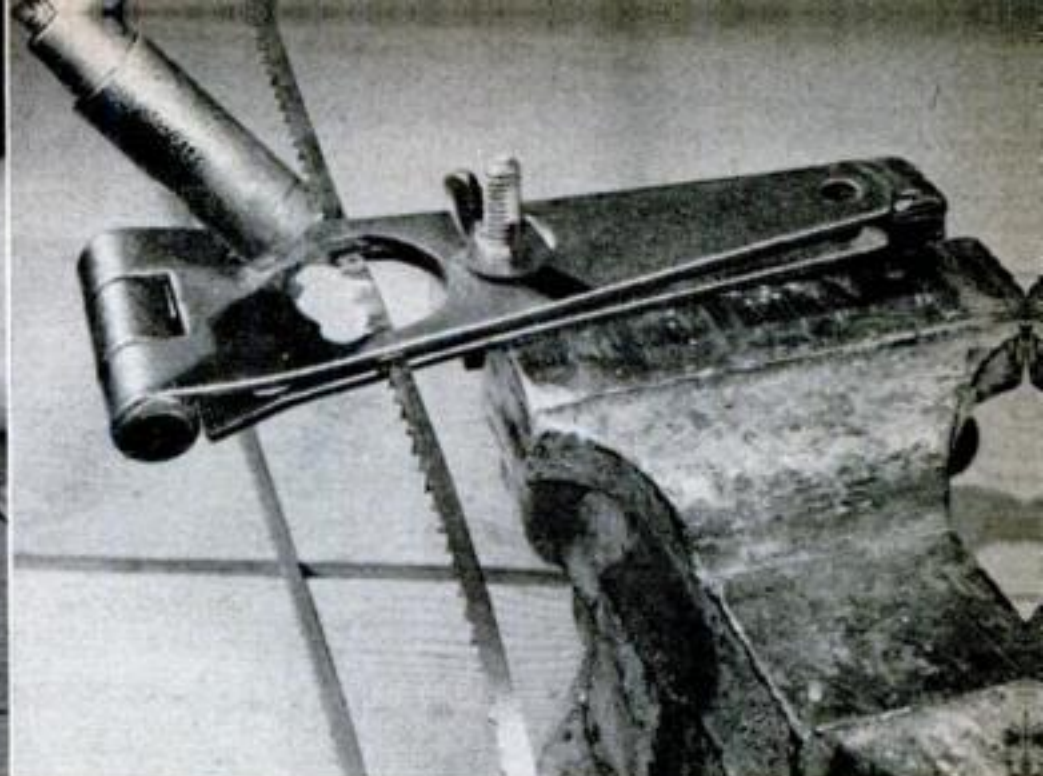
**CUTTING HOLES IN GASKETS** is a cinch. If you use soft leather or rubber, wet the material liberally with wood alcohol just before punching. But cut cork, fiber or asbestos dry.



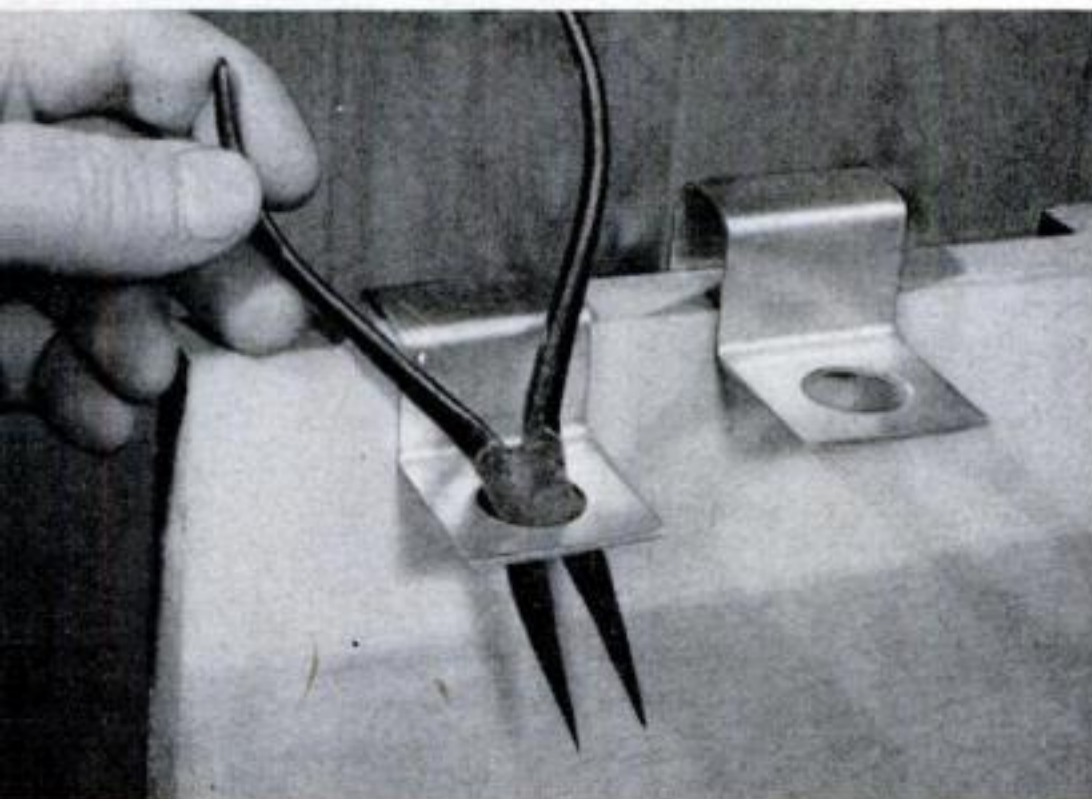




**HOUSE NUMBERS** are easy to make, using tin snips for the outside cuts, round or square punches for the tricky inside cuts. Waffle-pattern aluminum makes numbers highly reflective.

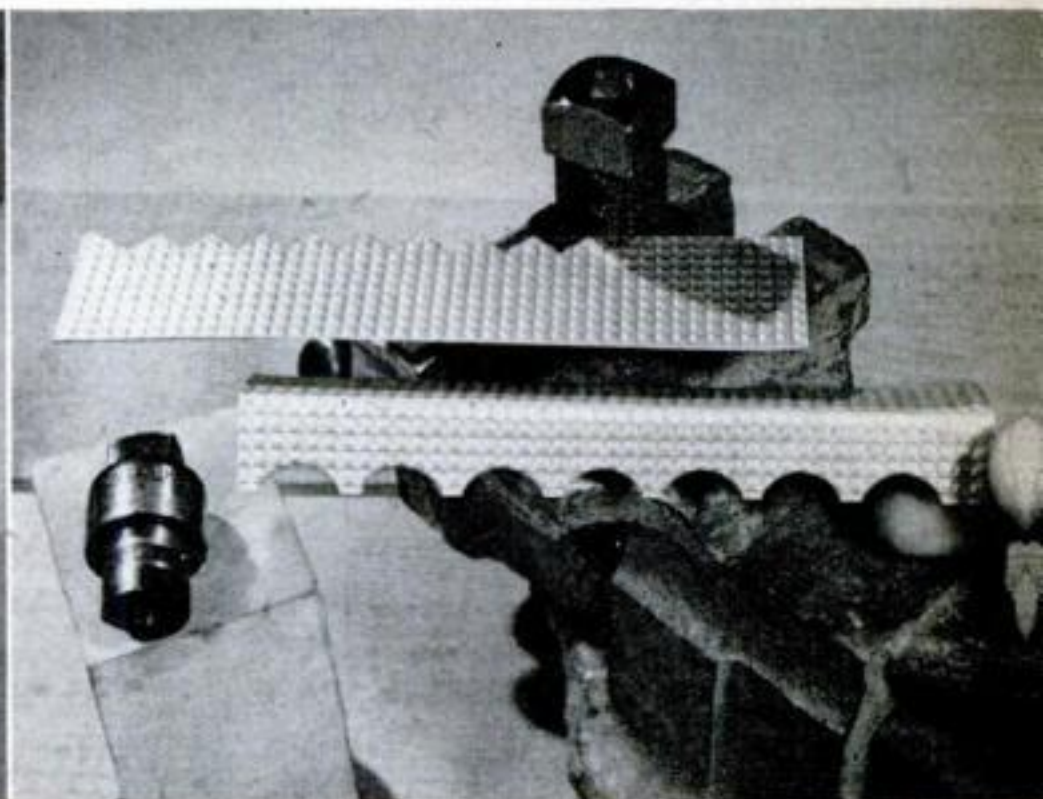


**HANDY JIG** for brazing bandsaw blades is made by punching holes in a strap hinge, and using a bolt and wing nut to apply clamp pressure. Punches will go through 3/32" mild steel.



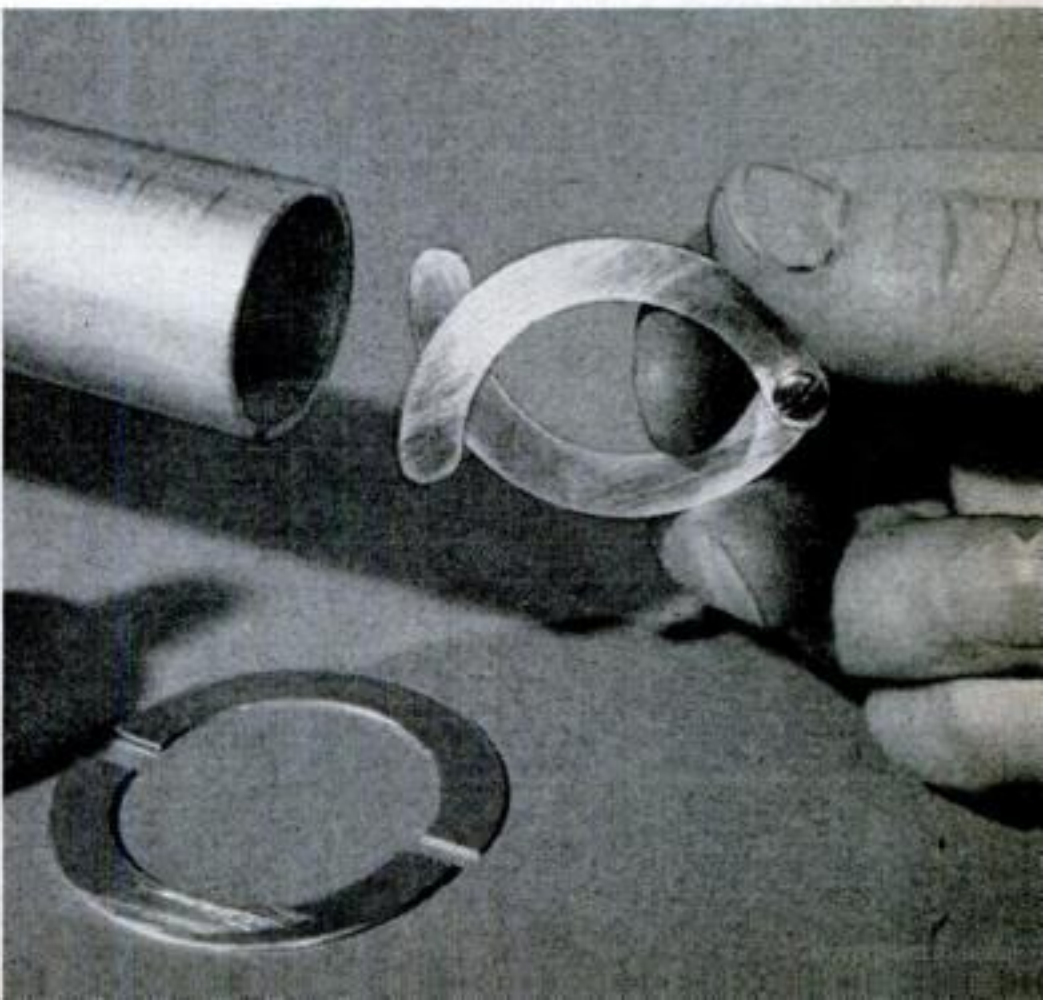
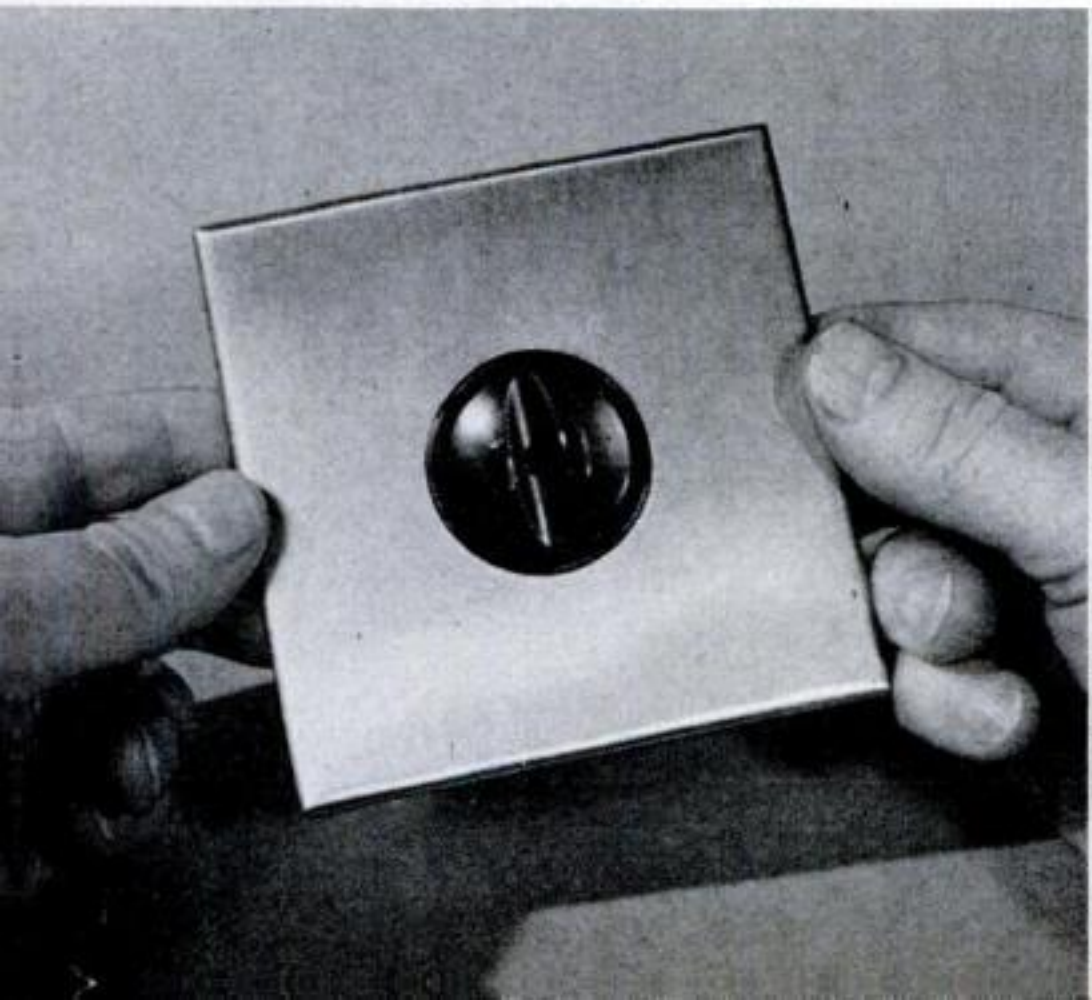
**BRACKETS** for pliers, files and other small tools can be turned out neatly and speedily. After punching the holes, bend the metal strips to grip shelving or a workbench backboard.

**SPOTTING ELECTRIC-OUTLET HOLES** in stainless steel or plastic tile is a round-punch job. Always apply light machine oil to the screw and cutting edges to ease job when punching metal.



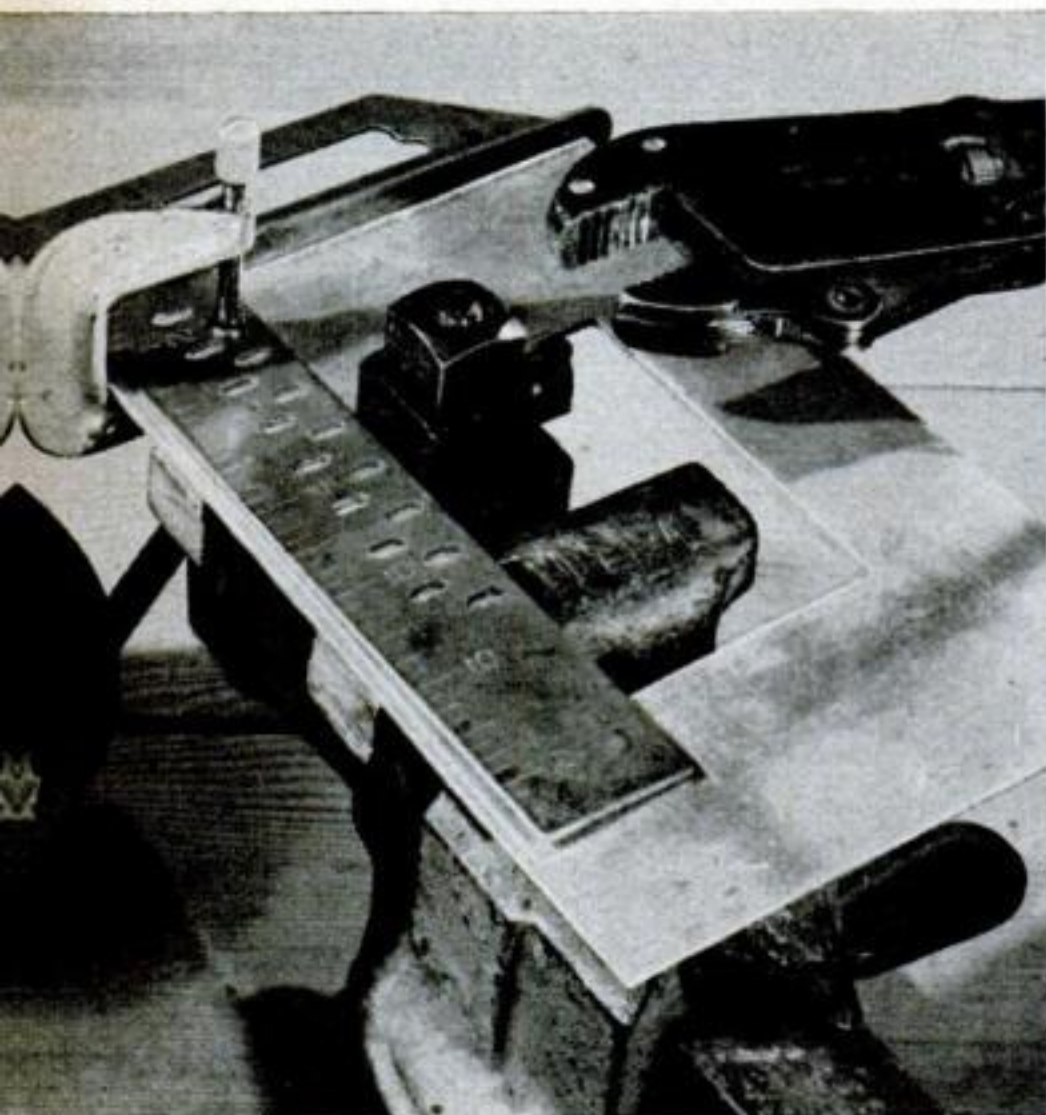
**CUSTOMIZED METAL TRIM** and moldings for sinks, tables and counters can be "nibbled" into shape with either round or square punches. Holes cut in strips can also dress them up.

**INSIDE-OUTSIDE CALIPER** is made from heavy-gauge brass ring, cut with two punches. Halve ring; round ends with a file. A short bolt and wing nut form the hinge. *(Please turn page)*





# These Kinks Make Chassis Punches Versatile.....



**SETUP TO PUNCH LARGE SQUARES** or rectangles with a small square punch: Clamp a straight-edge to the stock for a guide; then make as many progressive punches as necessary.

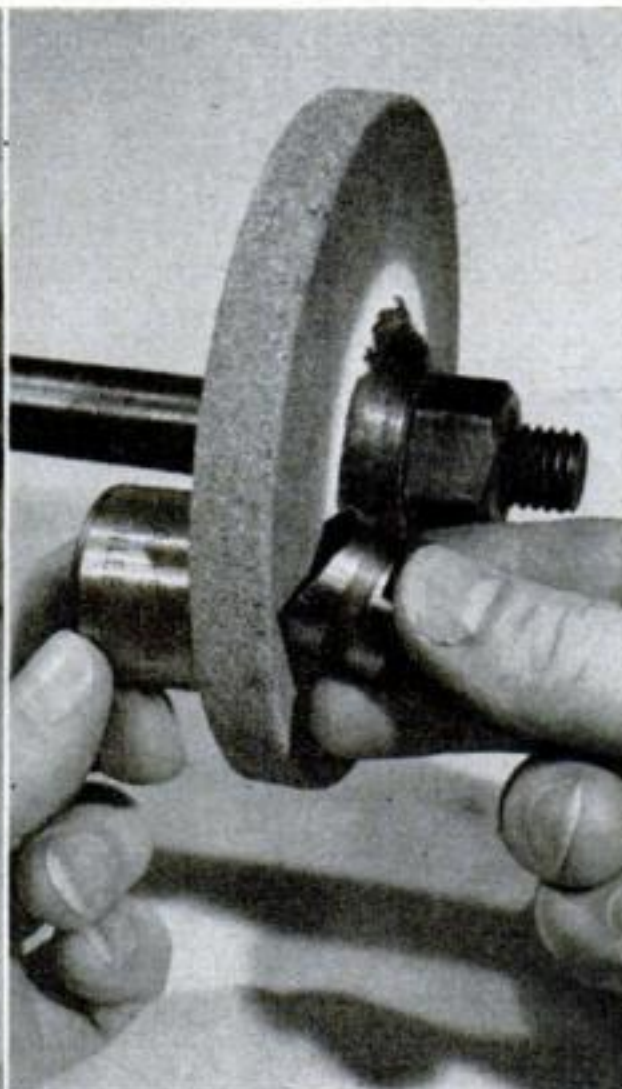
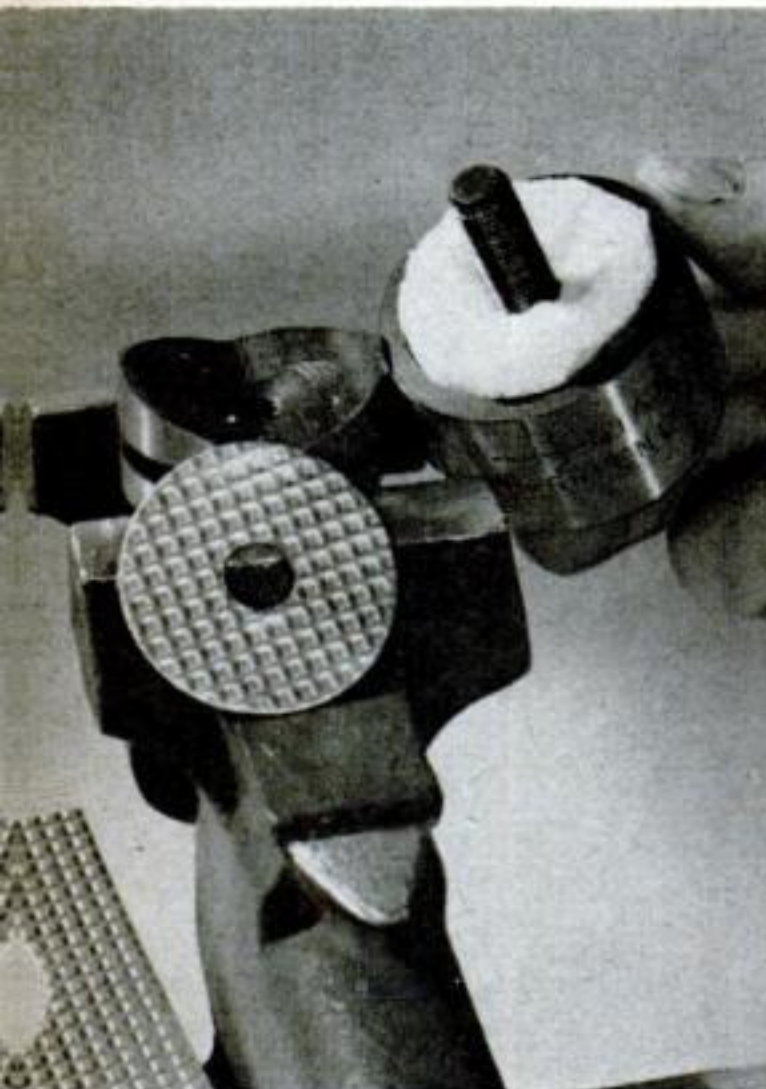


**TO PUNCH CURVED METAL**, place the die on the outside of the curve. Hold the cutting points of the punch in the trough of the curve until the drive screw sinks them in the metal.

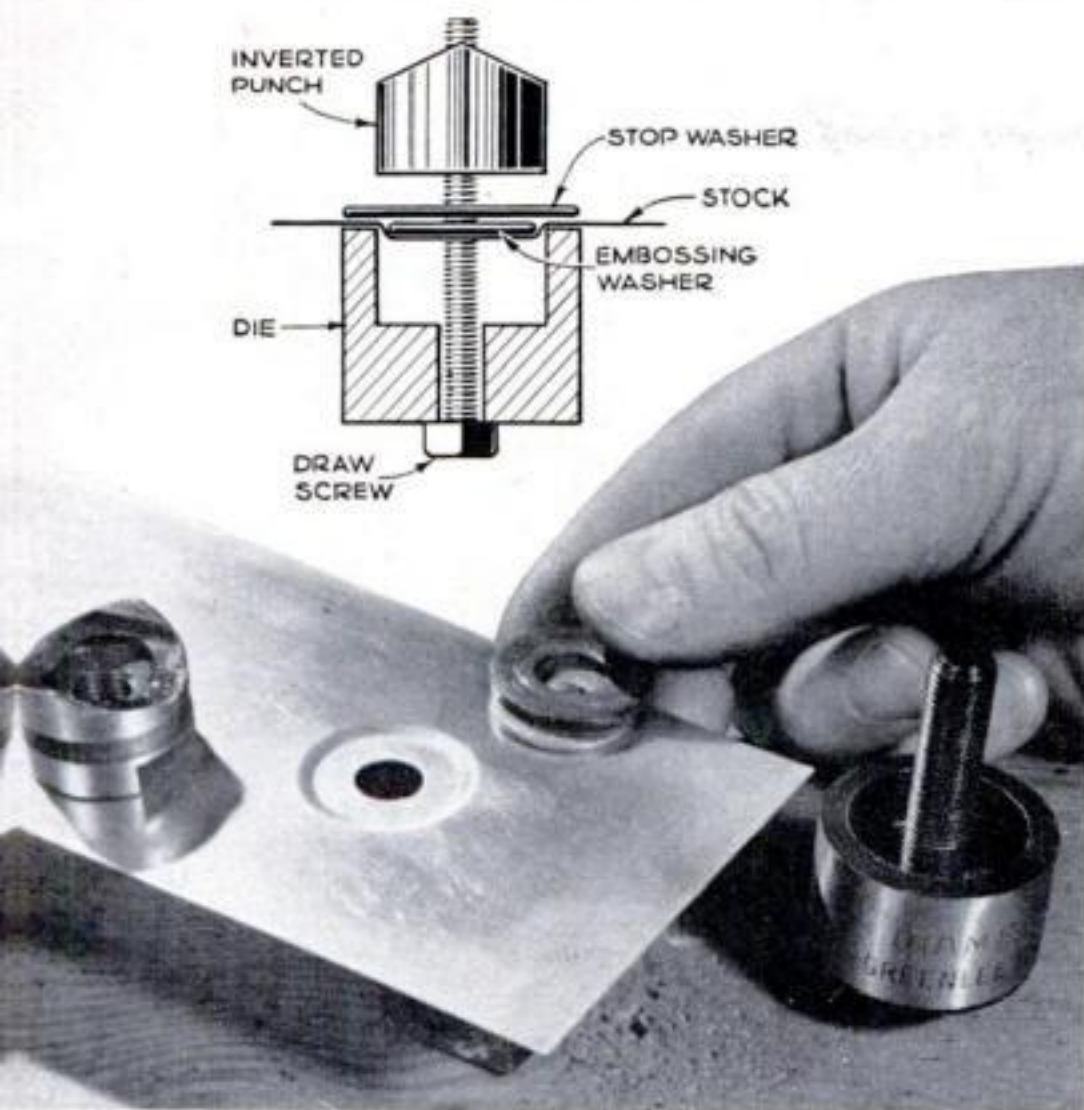
**"STRIPPER" SAVES TIME**, when punching multiple holes by the drive-screw method. Here, a rubber pad pushes the waste material out of the die as the punch pressure is relieved.

**WHEN SHARPENING PUNCHES**, limit grinding to the faces of the punch and die. This is a "position" picture; a nut-anchored bolt should be used as a handle when grinding the surfaces.

**FOR THICK-PLASTIC PUNCHING**, apply heat to both the material and the punch. Just as the plastic starts to "wilt," grip the punch in a vise and then turn the drive screw gently.

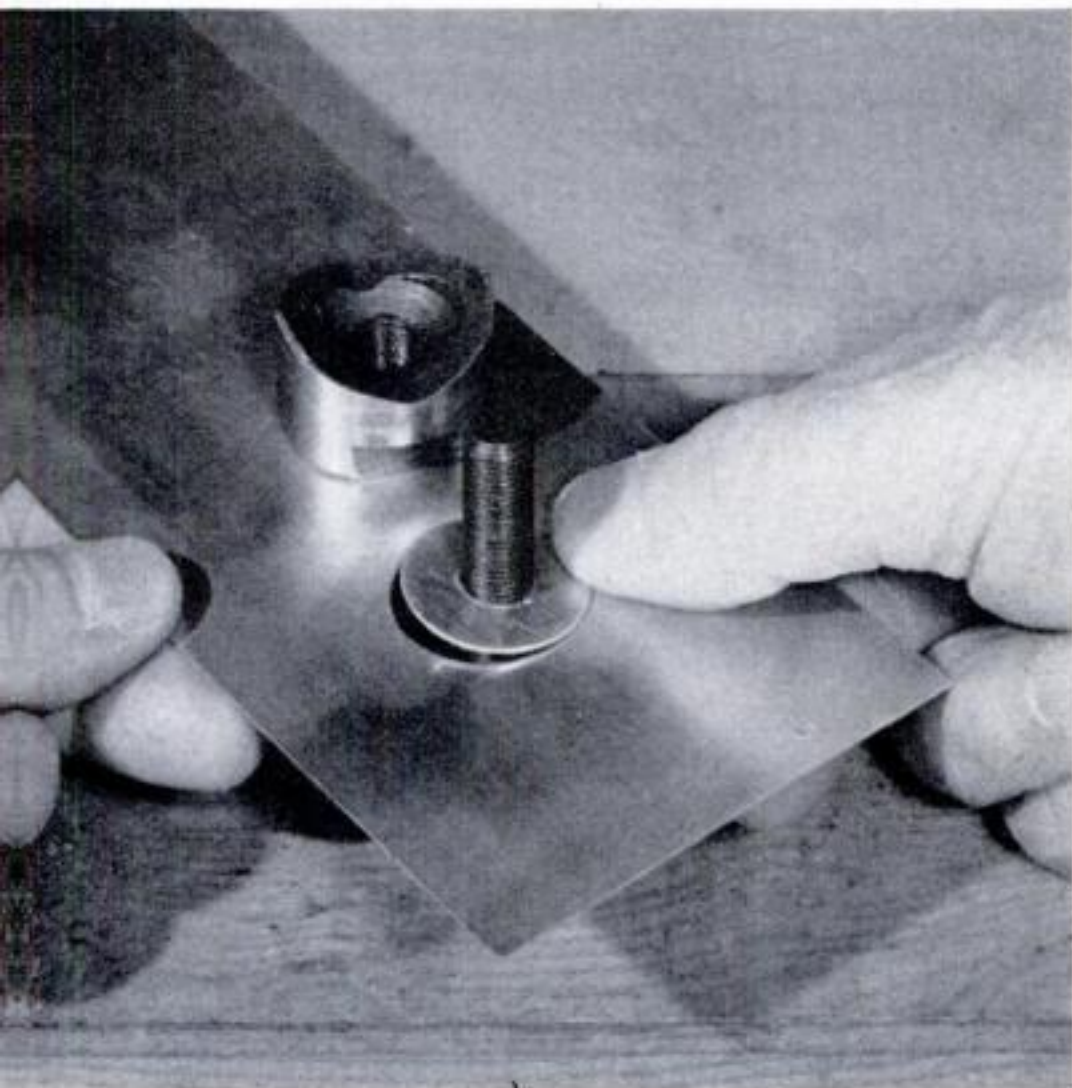






**EMBOSSING** or plate-sinking sheet metal is simple. Place the die below the work, and a washer the size of the area to be depressed above the stock. Use a larger washer as a stop.

**TO ENLARGE A HOLE** with a punch, insert a snug-fitting washer, or the waste stock removed when cutting the original hole. Slip the drive screw through the hole in the washer and the new cut will be accurately centered. You can use this trick to cut washers, too.



**MULTIPLE PUNCHING SETUP** for thin metal: Chuck the punch in a drill press and center the die below it. Moderate pressure on the feed handle forces the punch through thin sheet metal. **END**





# How to Choose the Right Pickup

**Getting music off a record takes a tiny electric generator built with watchmaker's care. Here's what's in a good one.**

**By Hubert Lockett  
and Martin Mann**

**J**UST about the most precise piece of machinery you can buy in a store is, of all things, a phonograph record. For just a couple of bucks you get millionth-of-an-inch accuracy, gift-wrapped. The pickup cartridge that converts this microscopic statue of music into pulsing sound has to be as good.

We examined—and played—13 hi-fi pickups. Their prices go up from about \$5 to \$90, and performance goes up, too, but not necessarily the same way.

You start with a mechanical, solid record: a plastic disk engraved with a V-shaped groove, a wiggling spiral scratch that is typically .0025 inch wide, with a tolerance of plus .0005 inch and minus zero. How much the groove swings sideways for a given tone determines loudness. But the biggest oscillation can be .0009 inch; that picayune range must encompass everything from dead silence to the Philharmonic on a flat-out fortissimo—with unwanted movement held below .000006 inch.

The reproducing needle—stylus—must follow each microscopic oscillation faithfully without wearing down the plastic. It must wave back and forth 15,000 times per second just as easily as it does 30 times a second. As it waves it must gen-

erate electricity (which the loudspeaker converts into sound). For loud notes—wide swings of the stylus—the voltage must be greater than for soft notes. But the voltage must be the same for high pitches—rapid swings—as for low pitches.

**How to tell a good one.** Pickup engineers aim for the same general goals. The goals are unattainable and every design is a compromise. Any engineer will make your head spin faster than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  r.p.m. as he explains why *his* compromise is best.

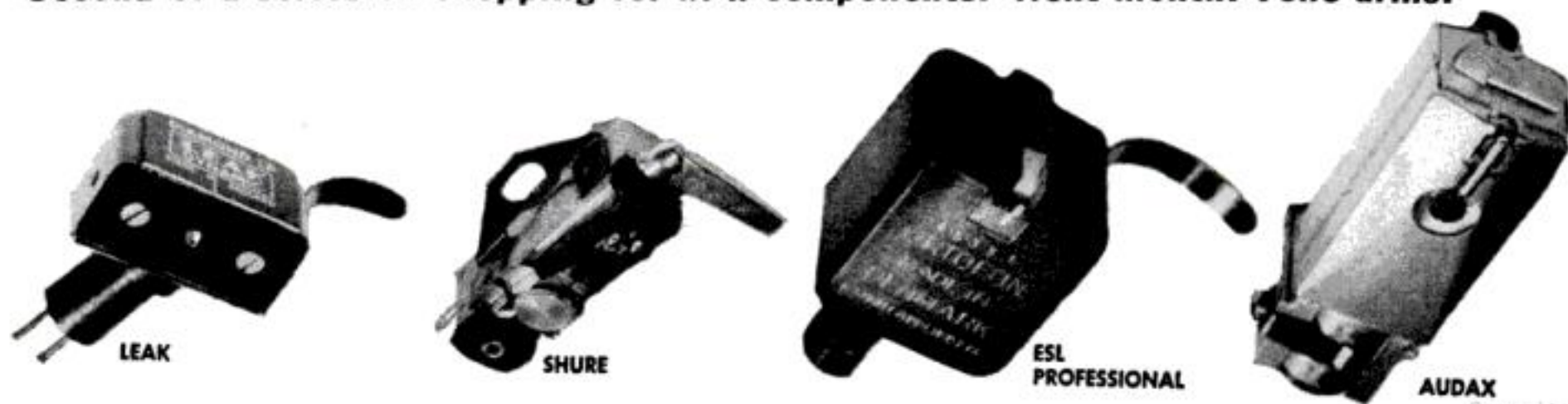
Knowing what's involved will help you make a choice yourself. The chart on pages 216-17 lists specifications, furnished by the manufacturers, for the 13 hi-fi pickups that PS examined and a few that we didn't.

**Frequency response.** The "kilocycle boys," as one engineer caustically calls them, judge a pickup solely by the range of tones—lowest to highest—that it can handle. What's just as important is *how* the range is reproduced.

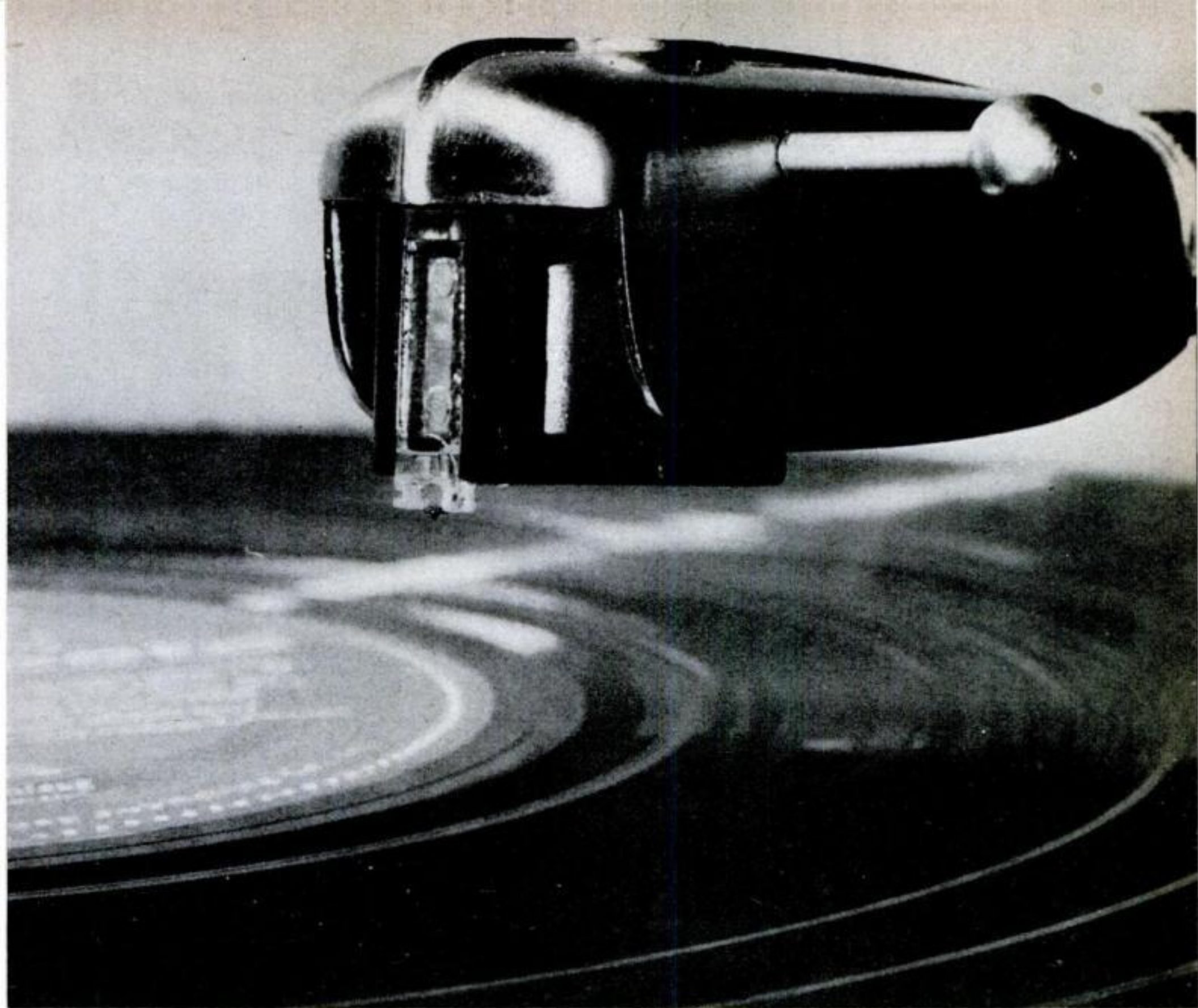
Two clues to the quality of the high and low tones you'll get from a pickup are its dynamic mass and lateral compliance. This is hi-fi jargon for the inertia and flexibility of the stylus assembly.

**Dynamic mass.** You want the stylus and the parts that move with it to have little inertia. Imagine trying to shake a brick back and forth very quickly. Not

**Second of a series on shopping for hi-fi components. Next month: Tone arms.**







easy. But you can shake a table-tennis ball quite fast. The stylus assembly should be like the table-tennis ball, with a dynamic mass low enough to make the rapid changes in direction that high-frequency notes call for. Otherwise those tones blur, sound "dirty."

**Compliance.** For low-pitched tones, and high amplitudes, it is ease of bending sideways that counts. A compliant pickup lets the stylus follow wide swings of the record groove.

Compliance in the vertical direction

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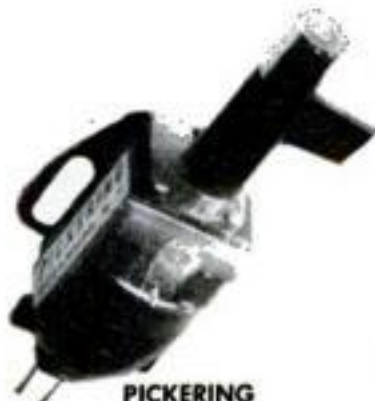
SONOTONE



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is also necessary, to allow the stylus to ease over an uneven record surface and to ride up in a pinched record groove.

**What you don't want.** As the stylus bears against the record grooves, it wears them, too. To protect your investment in music, its touch should be as light as possible. Low dynamic mass and high lateral compliance benefit here.

A stylus that is easy to move at all frequencies won't beat up the grooves. Also, it doesn't need to be pushed down so hard to hold it solidly against the groove walls—engineers say it needs little vertical tracking force. This is simply the weight that the pickup puts on the record. With a good pickup in a good tone arm, the force is six grams ( $\frac{1}{8}$  ounce) or less. Slightly more force is needed if

the pickup is used with an automatic record changer.

**Resonance.** This is one of the things that you especially don't want in a pickup: sympathetic vibration of the stylus. It happens because the pickup, tone arm and plastic record are a combination of weights with springy materials. And a spring-held weight will oscillate violently if you shake it at just the proper rate.

Low-pitched music on the record shakes the stylus at a slow rate. The stylus support acts like a spring and the tone arm serves as a weight. At a particular low pitch, the arm and stylus together shimmy the way front wheels of some cars do at a particular speed. The sound comes out loud and awful, and the vibration hammers at the record



MANUFACTURER	MODEL & PRICE	TYPE	STYLUS <sup>a</sup>			FREQUENCY RESPONSE (cycles)	OUTPUT VOLTAGE (millivolts)	
			MICROGROOVE	STANDARD	CAN STYLUS BE REPLACED BY USER?			
GENERAL ELECTRIC	RPX-052A Variable Reluctance \$23.37	moving iron	D	S	yes	30-15,000 $\pm 3$ db	12.7	
ELECTROSONIC LAB.	Soloist \$29.95	moving coil	D	—	no	18-16,000 $\pm 1$ db	1.0	
	Concert \$35.95	moving coil	D	—	no	18-20,000 $\pm 0.5$ db	0.6	
	Professional \$49.95	moving coil	D	—	no	18-20,000 $\pm 0.25$ db	1.2	
BANG & OLUFSON FOR FENTON CO.	Fen-Tone B & O 350A Std. \$24.20	moving iron	D	S	yes	20-16,000 $\pm 2$ db	50	
	Fen-Tone B & O A Special \$24.20	moving iron	D	—	yes	20-16,000 $\pm 2$ db	50 or 22	
PICKERING	Fluxvalve \$49.50	moving iron	D	S	yes	20-20,000 $\pm 2$ db	25	
FAIRCHILD	Micradjust 225 \$37.50	moving coil	D	—	no	20-20,000 $\pm 2$ db	5.6	
AUDAK	Audax Hi Q7 \$47.70	moving iron	D	S	yes	15-14,000 $\pm 2.5$ db	32	
BRITISH INDUSTRIES	Leak Dynamic \$59.00 <sup>d</sup>	moving coil	D	—	no	40-20,000 $\pm 1$ db	56	
AUDIOGERSH	Miratwin \$45.00	moving iron	D	S	yes	20-18,500 $\pm 2$ db	35	
WEATHERS INDUSTRIES	Weathers FM Pickup \$89.20 <sup>d</sup>	FM modulator	D	—	yes	20-20,000 $\pm 1$ db	600 200	
RONETTE ACOUSTICAL	284P \$5.40	crystal	S	S	yes	30-12,000	300	
	284PX \$7.00	crystal	S	S	yes	30-15,000	300	
	284 O.V. \$4.50	crystal	S	S	yes	30-11,000	500	
ASTATIC	55-TJ \$9.50	ceramic	S	S	yes	30-10,000 $\pm 3$ db	980	
	312-TB \$9.00	crystal	S	S	yes	30-10,000 $\pm 2$ db	1,120	
SHURE BROS.	Music Lovers \$38.95	ceramic	D	S	yes	30-10,000 $\pm 3$ db	400	
ELECTRO-VOICE	84 D Ultra-Linear \$23.10	ceramic	D	S	yes	20-15,000 $\pm 2.5$ db	500	
SONOTONE	3 T \$32.50	ceramic	D	S	yes	20-15,000 $\pm 1.5$ db	540	

NOTES: <sup>a</sup>D means diamond stylus—S, sapphire

<sup>b</sup>These manufacturers state that vertical output is negligible; all figures in this column are approximate

<sup>c</sup>Cannot be used with a record changer

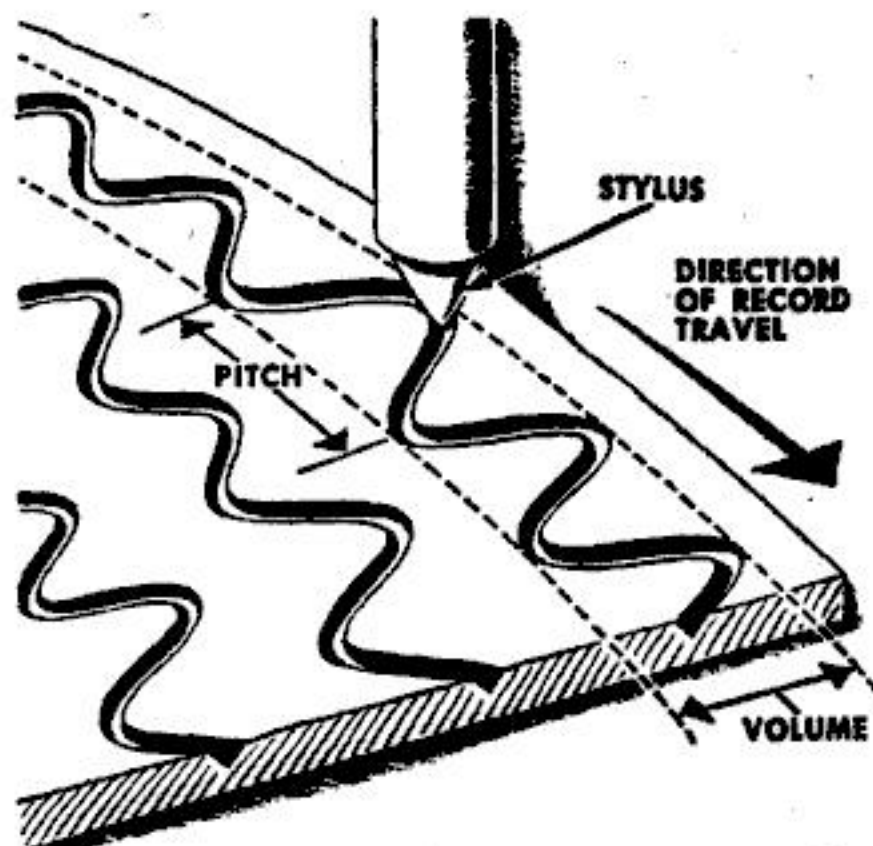
<sup>d</sup>Price covers cartridge and tone arm, which must be used together



grooves. At pitches somewhat below resonance, the stylus and tone arm move as a unit; there is no motion of the stylus relative to the pickup—and no sound. So the pickup cannot reproduce pitches much below low-frequency resonance.

High-pitched notes shake the stylus rapidly. Now the stylus itself acts like a weight and the plastic record material gives enough to be a spring. You get a high-frequency resonance.

Short of repealing the laws of physics, there's no way of eliminating these resonances entirely. They can be made less objectionable, however. There are three common fixes: (1) Make the stylus so compliant that its low-frequency resonance occurs at a pitch too low to be on a record—below the audible range, (2)



**MUSIC ON A RECORD** is a swinging groove that pickup stylus must follow exactly. Spacing of swings determines pitch. Width of swings—at a given pitch—determines the loudness.

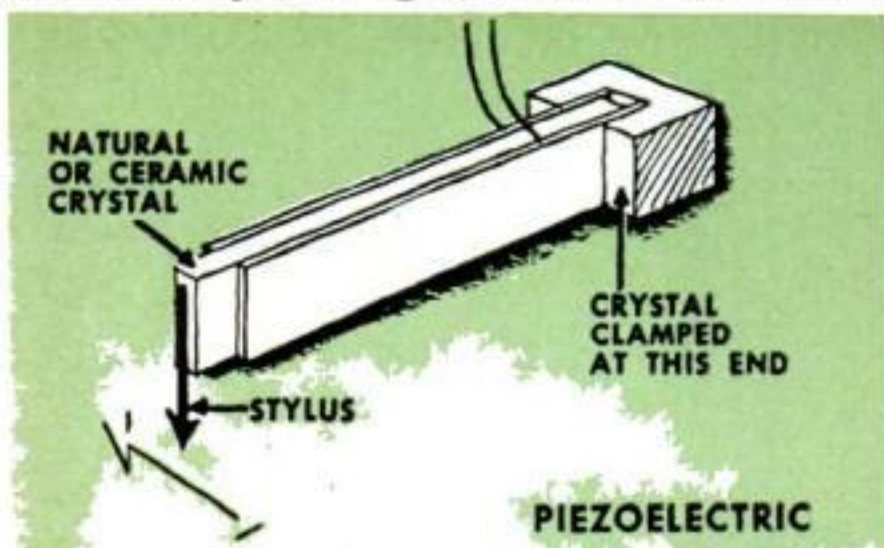
	VERTICAL TRACKING FORCE (grams)		COMPLIANCE (millionths of a centimeter per dyne)		RESONANCE (cycles)		LOAD RESISTOR (ohms)	INTERNAL INDUCTANCE (millihenries)	INTERNAL RESISTANCE (ohms)	DYNAMIC MASS (milligrams)	RATIO OF LATERAL TO VERTICAL OUTPUT	MAGNETIC ATTRACTION (grams)
	arm	changer	lateral	vertical	high	low						
	6	7	1.2	0.3	11,000	16	6,200	520	375	8	b	none
	3 2-3 1-3	6 5 c	5 6.8 6.8	0.5 0.7 n.s.	n.s. over 20,000 20,000	below 20 below 15 9	non-critical non-critical non-critical	n.s. n.s. n.s.	1.5 1.5-2 1.5-2	2 1 1	b b b	.5 .5 .75
	5-9 3-9	5-9 5-9	5 5	n.s. n.s.	22,000 22,000	n.s. n.s.	100,000 100,000	n.s. n.s.	350 350 or 50	3.5 3.0	n.s. n.s.	n.s. n.s.
	3-4	5	3-5	n.s.	25,000	below 20	25,000	250	850	0.5	n.s.	n.s.
	6	6	2	2	17,000	9-10	over 5,000	2	195	2.5	b	.5
	6	7.5	5.3	3.5	13,500	below 30	100,000	650	475	2.6	1,800/1	none
	2-3	c	n.s.	n.s.	21,000	20	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
	6-7	7-8	5.1	2.2	18,000	n.s.	47,000	385	1,400	3.1	15/1	.5
	1-1.5	c	14	12	23,000	15	100,000	c	c	0.5	b	none
	2-6 2-6 4-6	6-10 6-10 6-10	3.0 3.0 2.3	n.s. n.s. n.s.	n.s. n.s. n.s.	n.s. n.s. n.s.	1,000,000 1,000,000 500,000	c c c	c c c	8.0 8.0 n.s.	18/1 18/1 12/1	none none none
	10 6-9	10 6-9	1.0 2.0	n.s. n.s.	n.s. n.s.	24 18	2,000,000 2,000,000	c c	c c	n.s. 8.0	10/1 18/1	none none
	5	7-8	1.5	0.5	n.s.	20-35	3,000,000	c	c	7.5	10/1	none
	4-6	6-8	3.0	0.7	15,000	20	3,000,000	c	c	2	30/1	none
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\*This information does not apply to these cartridges

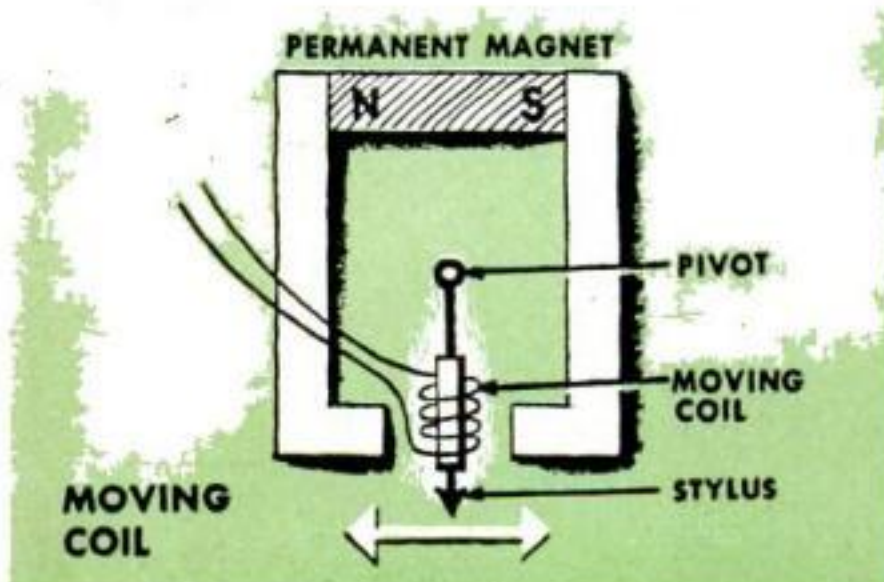
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## Four ways to generate electricity with a swinging stylus



**FLEXING SOME CRYSTALS** makes them generate electricity. Their high output voltage needs no preamplification. Many piezoelectric pickups now use synthetic crystals of barium titanate ceramic, which are less affected by temperature and humidity than natural crystals.



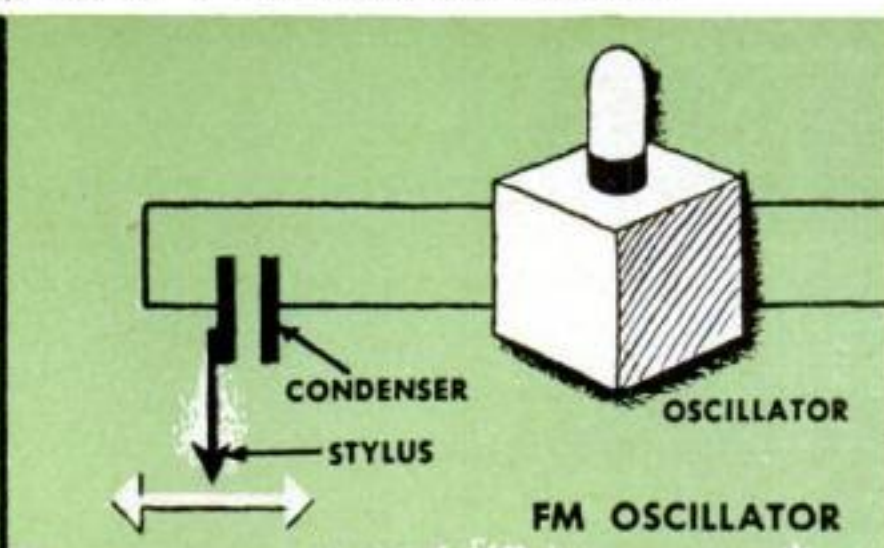
**MINIATURE ELECTRIC GENERATOR**, identical in principle to big power-plant generators, forms moving-coil pickup. The stylus moves a tiny coil of wire so that it cuts across the magnetic field produced by a permanent magnet. This induces a current in the moving coil.

make the dynamic mass of the stylus so small that its high-frequency resonance occurs at a pitch too high to be on a record, (3) restrain the stylus with viscous damping material.

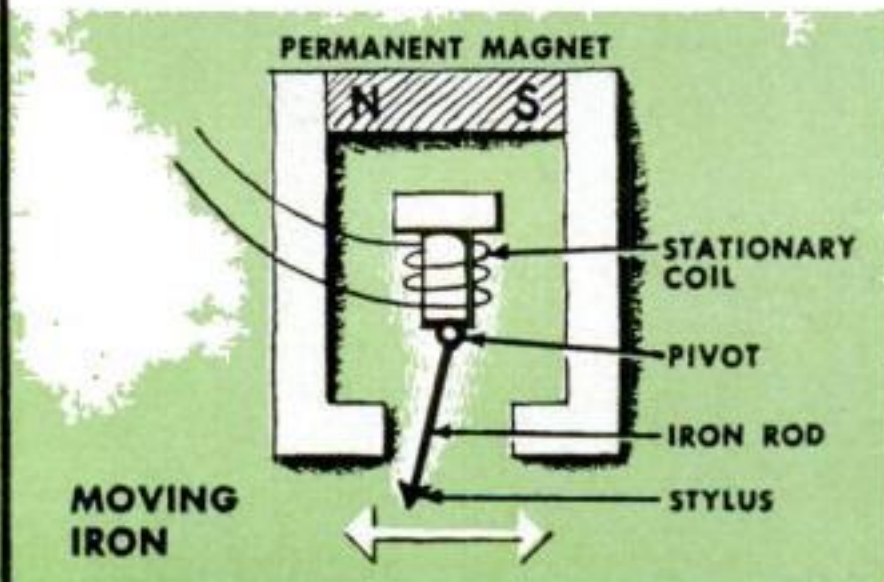
This last fix must be used sparingly. Damping makes the stylus stiffer at high frequencies; then it can't follow the commands of the record groove so easily.

**Vertical response** is something else you don't want in a pickup. The music is recorded as lateral oscillations of the groove only. Any vertical motion of the stylus is caused by record imperfections, slight variations in groove width, or turntable rumble. The pickup should ignore such movements.

**How it fits.** The pickup has to work with the rest of a hi-fi rig. So which one



**THIS ONE IS LIKE TINY FM RADIO STATION.** Cartridge acts like condenser, with stylus attached to one movable plate. Vibration of stylus varies capacitance, modulating an FM oscillator. Only FM pickup is the Weathers, expensive and delicate, but a very fine performer.



**MOVING-IRON TYPE** uses principle similar to moving-coil. Here the coil is stationary and the magnetic field changes. As the stylus moves an iron rod closer to the pole pieces, the field across the coil changes. This induces a current in the stationary coil.

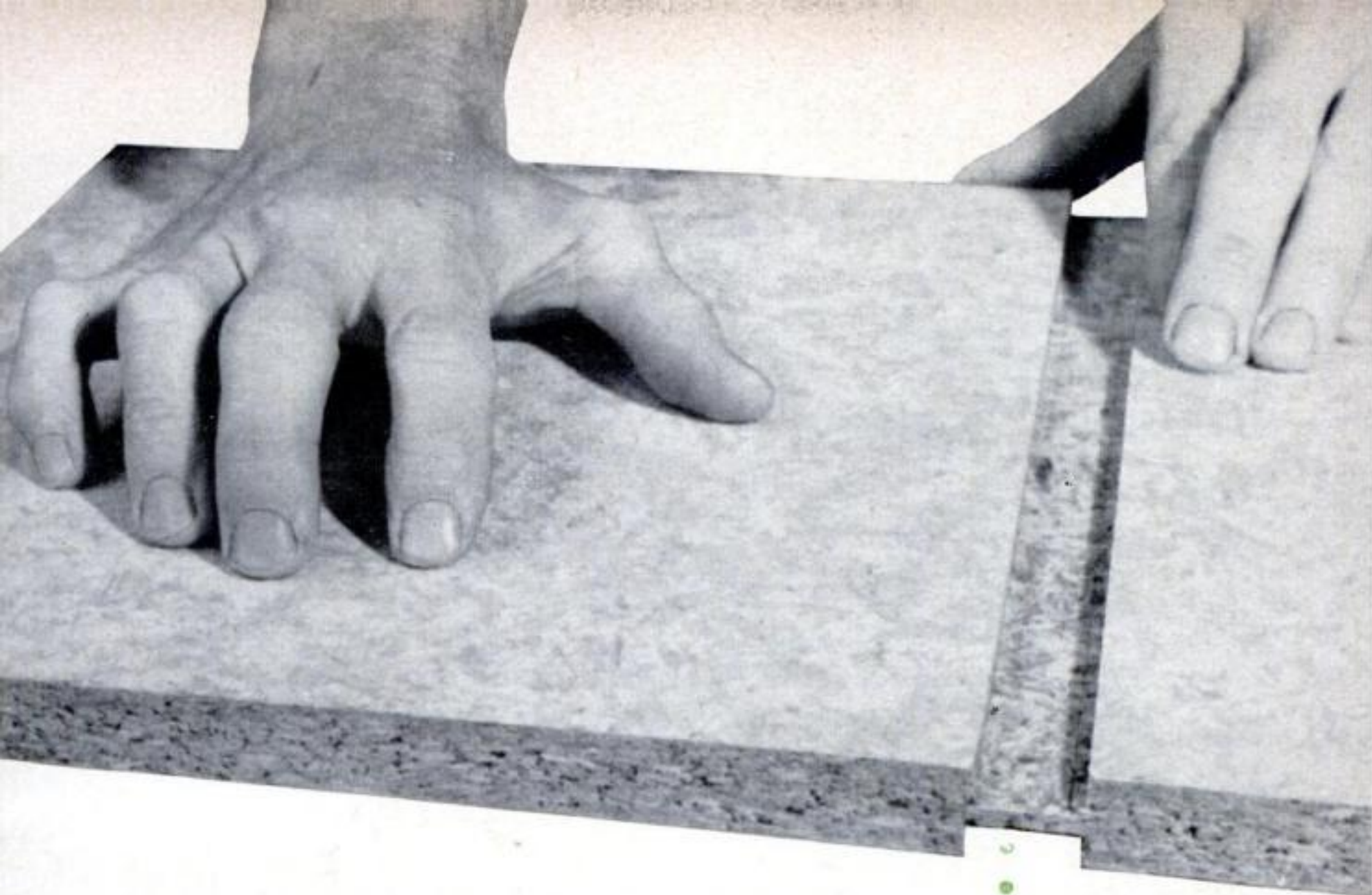
you choose must depend on what you have or are willing to add. All magnetic pickups need an equalized preamplifier. Some of the finest cannot be used at all with an automatic record changer.

Moving-coil pickups increase their output toward the high frequencies. This may help if your speaker or record is weak on the highs. But with a super-efficient tweeter, you may hear disappointingly shrill tones. The high-frequency rise is most pronounced in the ESL cartridges, which usually require a correction from a versatile preamplifier or a special network.

**How much?** In the budget department, the new ceramic pickups are worth a close listen. These save you real money

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***What you should know about***

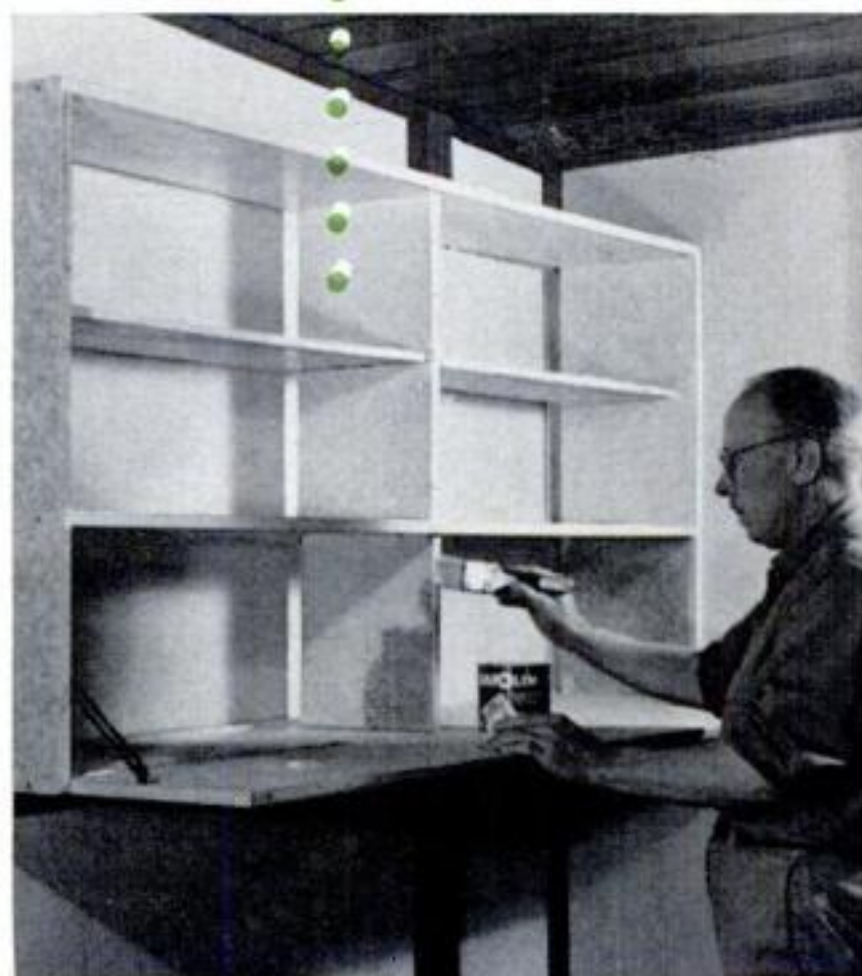
# Using the New Man-Made Boards

**By Paul Corey**

**C**HIPS off the old block are now being pressed into man-made boards that have it all over the parent wood for many woodworking and home-repair jobs.

Unlike lumber, these highly useful new "chipboards" and "particle boards" won't warp or check. Like plywood, they come in big, thick panel sizes, and the cost is only slightly higher than that of top-grade plywood. But unlike plywood, they have no telltale, uneven-textured edges or hard-to-hide face ripples.

***They're smooth.*** The new boards are as smooth-textured as hardboard, which they most resemble. But hardboard, useful as it is, has the disadvantage of structural weakness. It's brittle and usually must be framed or braced. Chipboards and particle boards have the beef to go



**BECAUSE PARTICLE-BOARD TEXTURE** is uniformly dense, sanded edges take clear finishes or paint as well as the panel faces. This shelved cabinet was made of decorative Novoply.



it alone. You can saw them, plane them, mill them and sand them just as you would ordinary lumber. They grip nails and wood screws firmly. On fussy jobs you can join them edgewise with dowel-and-glue joints. There's no troublesome grain-matching problem.

What makes these boards so much stronger than hardboard, the original man-made board, is a new approach to the manufacturing process.

**How they're made.** Hardboard is made by cooking wood under high pressure. When the pressure is suddenly released, the wood "explodes" into fibers. These fibers are then compressed into sheets, and the natural resins in the pulp act as a bonding agent. But the real strength of hardboard depends upon the crisscrossed fiber structure.

In the new boards, wood particles, flakes and chips take the place of fibers. Alone these particles would provide little matted strength. The beef comes from a tough binder of water-resistant synthetic resin with which the particles are coated before they are compressed. Far stronger than natural resins, this binder more than makes up for the absence of a fibrous wood structure.

Some chipboards and particle boards are rolled to full thickness from a single mix. In other boards, two or more thin sheets are laminated to produce a heavy

panel. Either way, the result is a highly stable construction material that is ideal for thin sliding and swinging doors, for distinctively textured furniture, and as a base for plastic laminates and veneers.

**What to ask for.** Until recently, commercial furniture and cabinetmakers have had a corner on chipboard and particle-board production. But with supply catching up with demand, more and more of these boards are showing up in local lumberyards. Among the brands now available or soon to be stocked are:

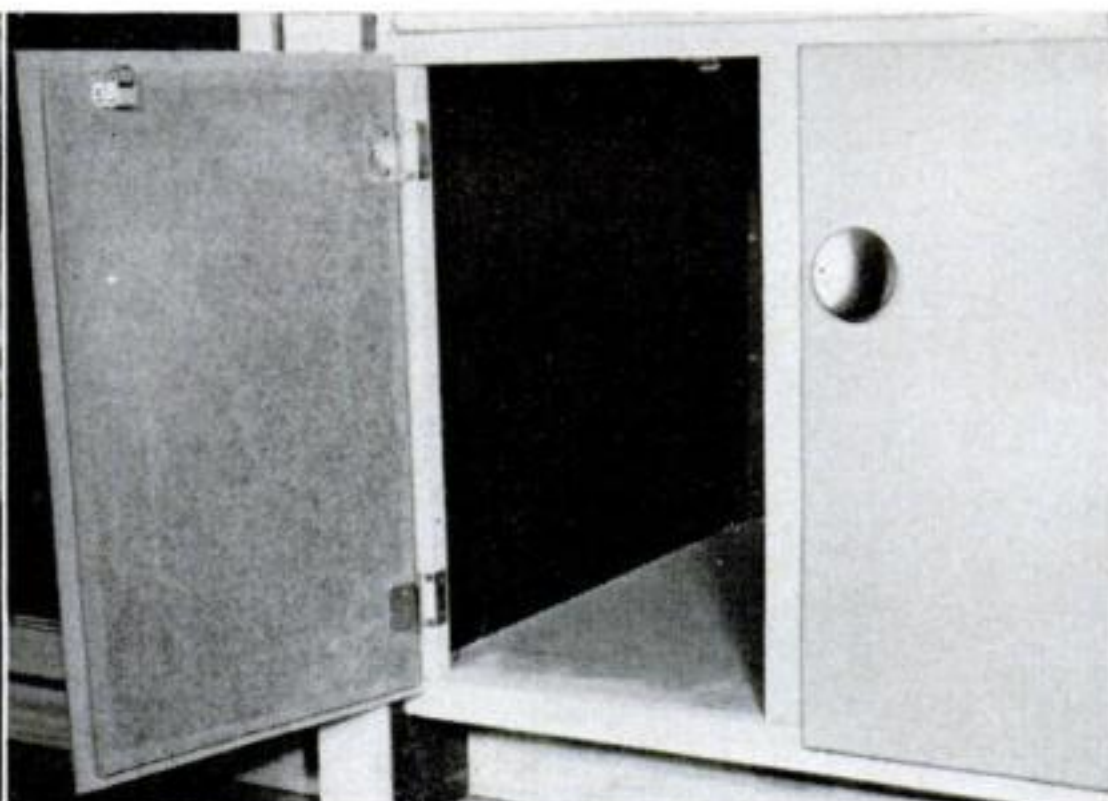
**Novoply.** This is the oldest trade name in the particle-board field. It's a laminated board with thin surface sheets made either from pine and fir flakes, or from redwood flakes—you have your choice. Medium-size chips are used for the thicker core of the panel. All surfaces are sanded smooth, ready for paint or clear finishing. Novoply comes in  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thicknesses, and in panel sizes up to 4' by 8'.

**Wabash Wood Particle Board.** Made from ponderosa pine chips, this unlaminated board can be bought in thicknesses ranging from  $\frac{1}{8}$ " to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Panels come either veneered on both faces with birch, or unveneered for a finish of your own choice. The largest size is 5' 6" by 6'.

**4-Square Particle Board.** An unlaminated board made from Douglas fir particles that come sanded but not veneered.

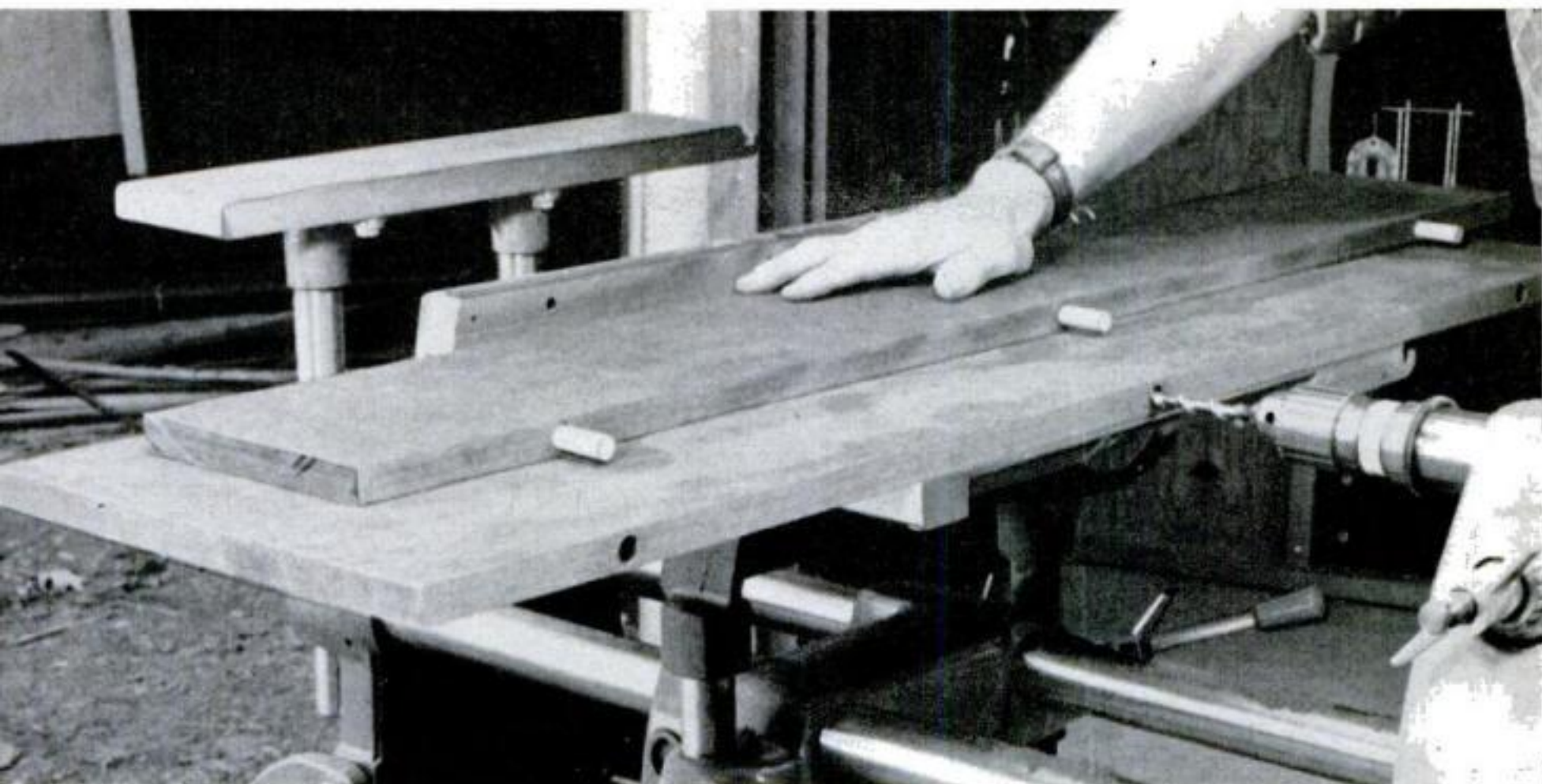


**TWO SCRAPS OF PARTICLE BOARD** become one usable panel when you glue and cleat them together like this. There's no grain to worry about matching, or fear of splitting the edges.



**UNFRAMED CABINET DOORS WON'T WARP** if you make them of particle boards like the Wabash panels shown here. Rabbeting for a tight seal is easy; there's not a chance of splintering.





**DOWEL JOINTS IN MAN-MADE BOARD** are as strong as similar joints in lumber. After the glue has set under clamp pressure you can hand- or

Thicknesses are from  $\frac{3}{8}$ " to 1", and the panel size is 4' by 8'.

**Panelply.** Not a true particle board, but an even denser board made by laminating either two or three beefed-up sheets of hardboard. Both faces are smooth, hard and can be painted. Panelply comes in 4' by 8' sheets, and in  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " thicknesses.

**They're easy to work.** You can use ordinary hand- and power-driven wood-working tools to handle these boards. For clean results, the tools should be kept sharp. When sawing, a blade without much set is best. Carbide-tipped tools will pay off on production work.

For nailing, choose the same size nails you would for comparable thicknesses of lumber or plywood. You can drive nails close to the edges without fear of splitting the stock. You can also countersink finishing nails.

If you use screws, sheet-metal screws are somewhat better than regular wood screws. In either case, small pilot holes make driving easier.

For corner butt joints, always use nails and glue—not screws. This points up one of the few disadvantages of the new boards. Edges are almost certain to split if you try to drive in screws.

power-sand the surfaces. Apply a coat of paint and you won't know that the joint is there. The boards shown above are  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Panelply.

**How to finish them.** The surface textures of these grainless boards, particularly those of the particle boards, are so decorative that you may want to use a clear finish for an unusual and striking effect. You can do this with clear lacquer, varnish, or wax.

Unveneered particle boards will also take a first-rate paint job, after sanding. If you use Novoply or a laminated hardboard, the surfaces are so clear and smooth that not the slightest imperfection "mirrors" through.

**Before painting,** make sure that the boards are clean and free from dust. Apply a prime coat and sand it lightly before following up with the finish coat. If you paint a panel that is to be used without framing, be sure to give both sides the same number of coats. This will prevent unequal drawing action which might bow the panel.

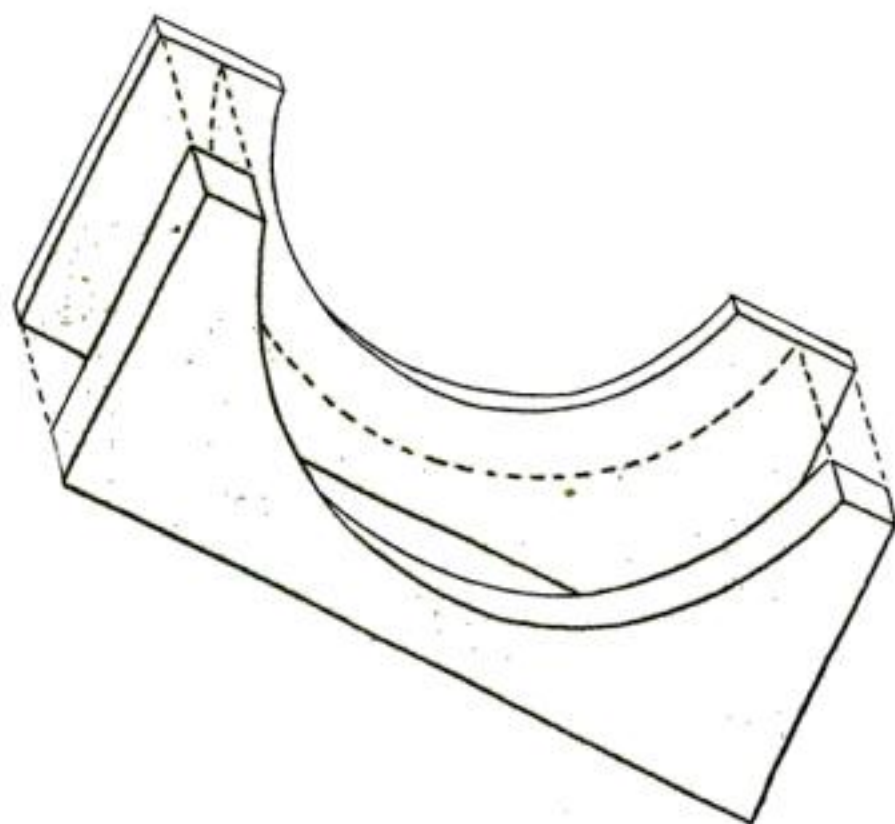
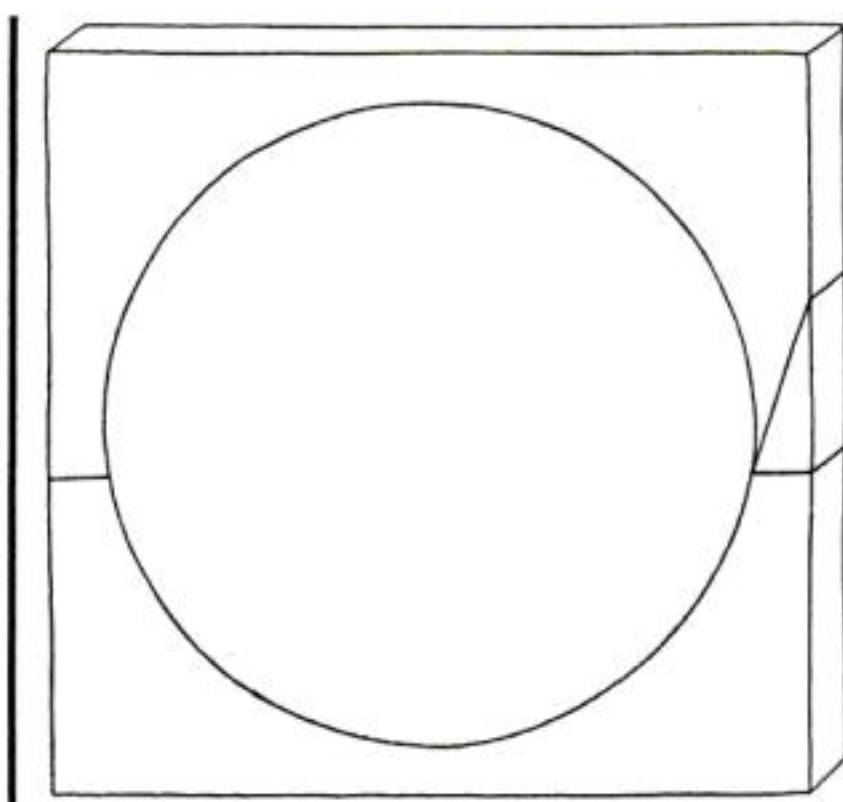
Use contact-bond cement when applying plastic laminations or veneers. The smooth undersurface will produce a slick and thoroughly professional job. **END**

For further information on particle boards and double- and triple-ply hardboards address: United States Plywood Corp., 55 W. 44th St., New York City (Novoply); Wabash Screen Door Co., 310 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago (Wabash Particle Board); Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., Tacoma Bldg., Tacoma, Wash. (4-Square Particle Board); and Masonite Corp., 111 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois (Panelply).

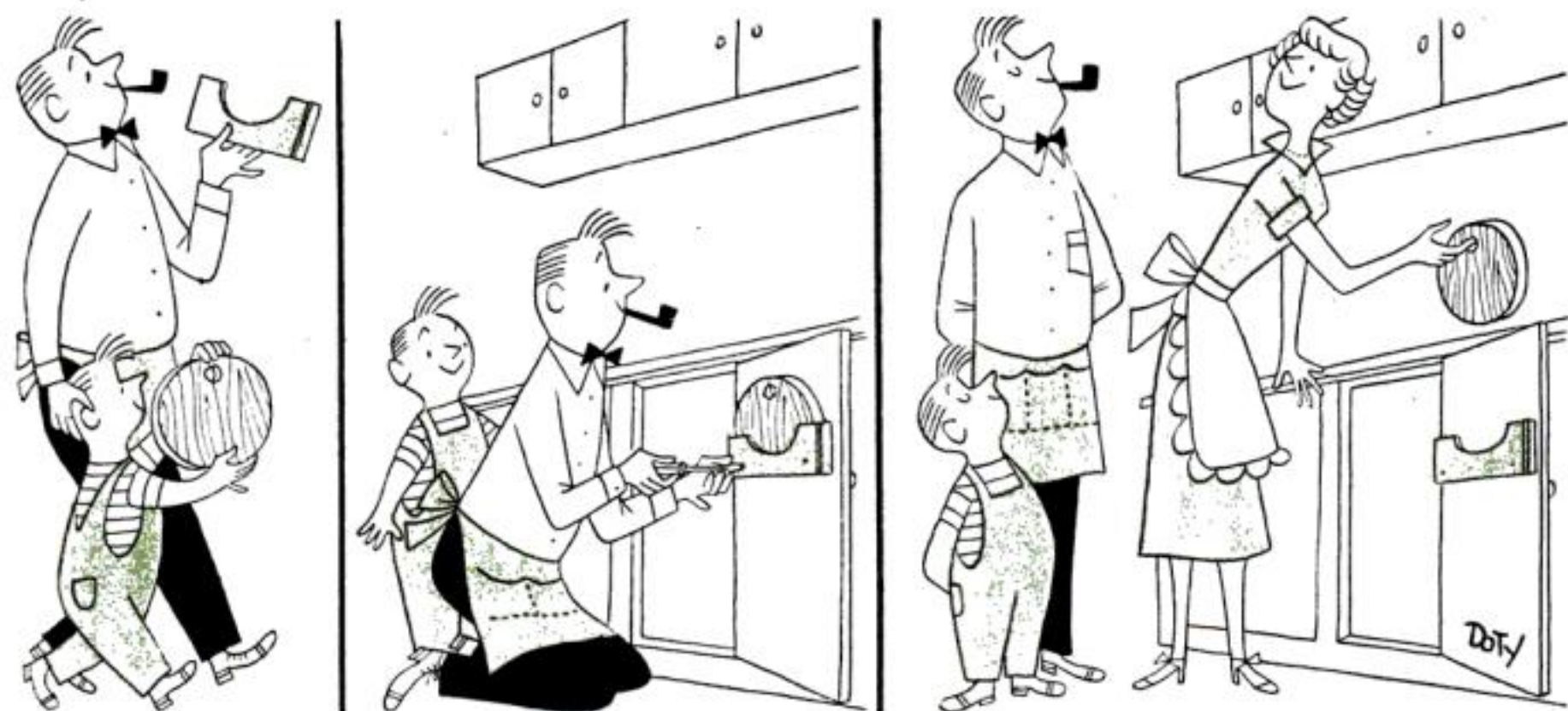
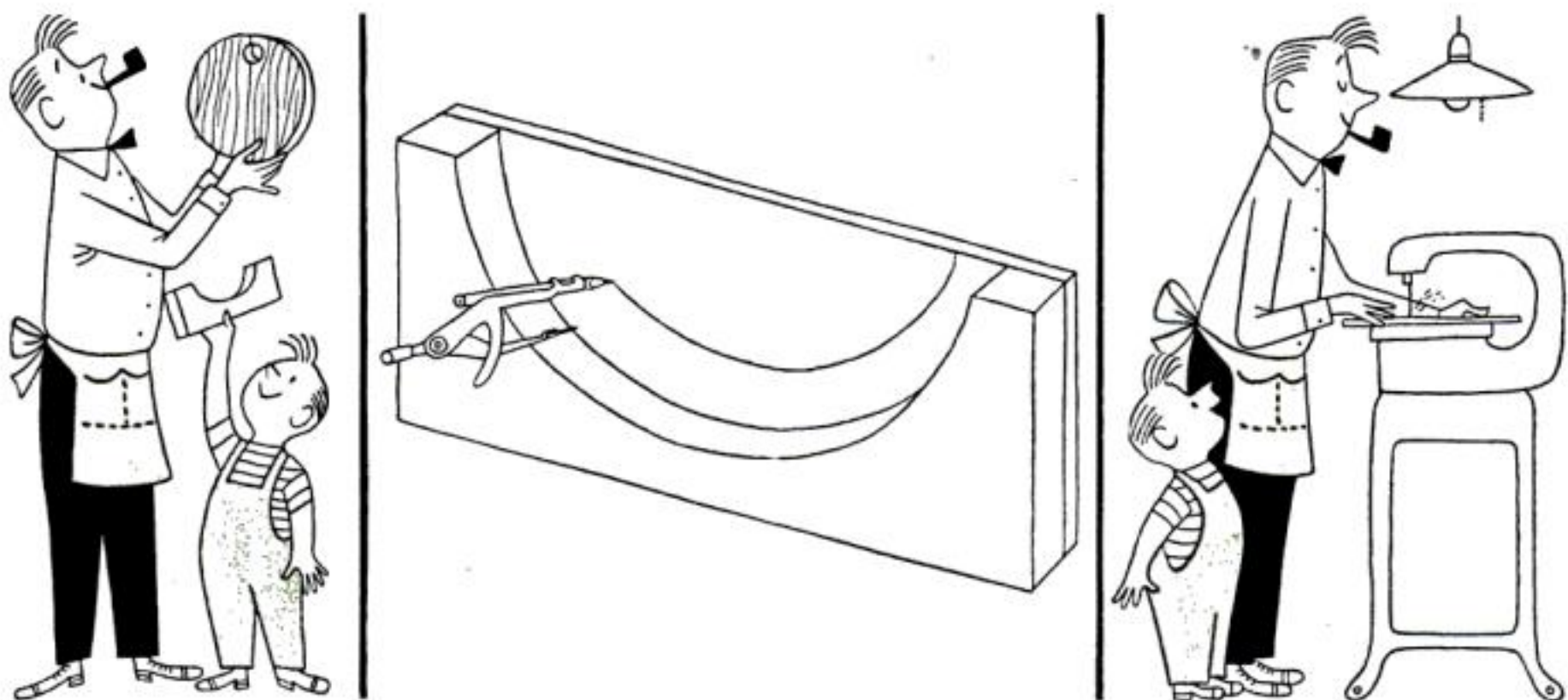
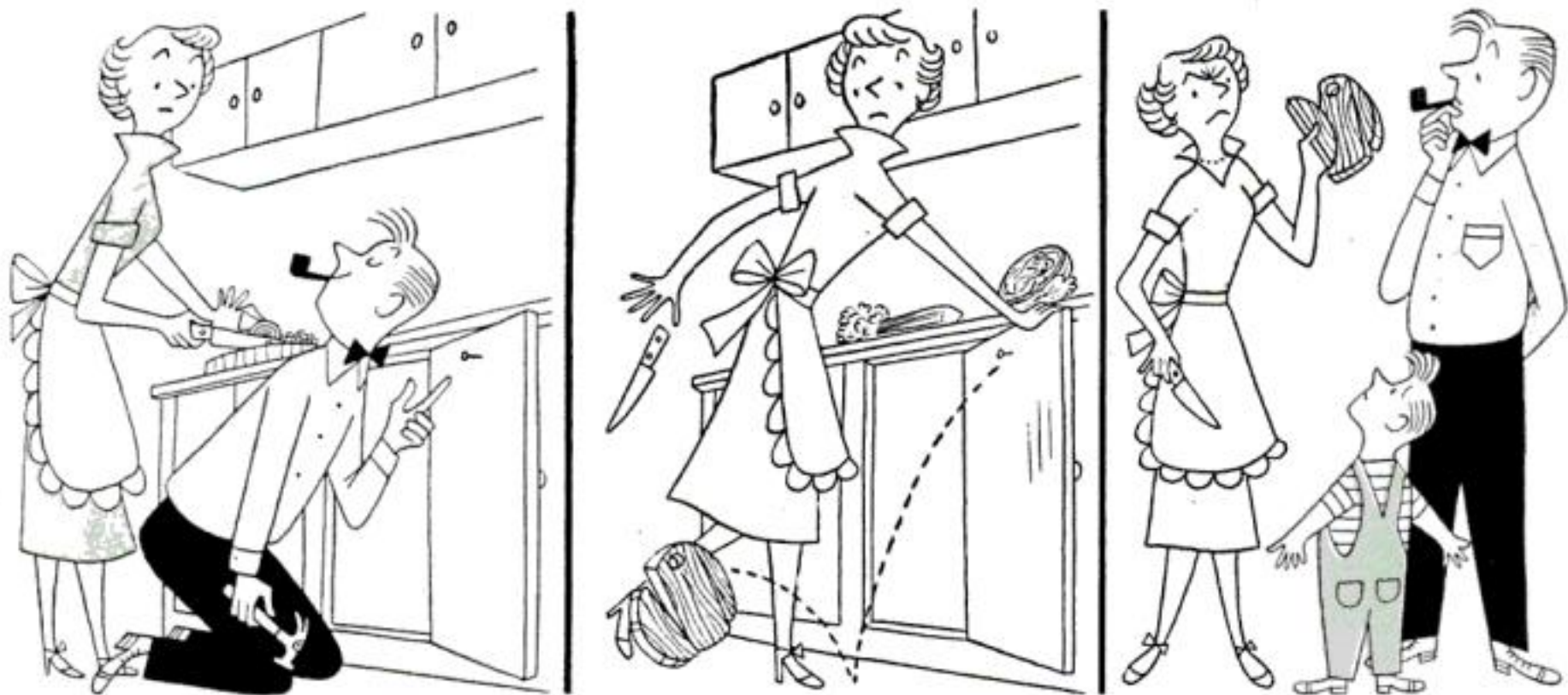


# Wordless Workshop

By Roy Doty  
and W. G. Waggoner





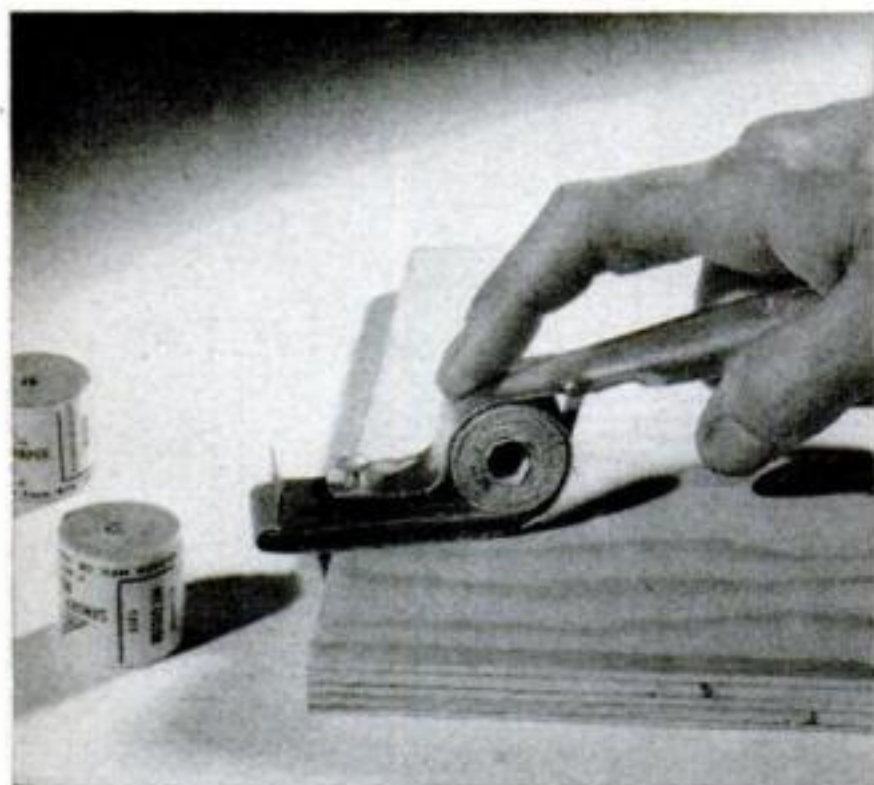




# New Tools

**1. Drill Set Includes Bench Plans.** Along with standard attachments, this  $\frac{1}{4}$ " drill comes with plans for a fold-away workbench. The drill set includes a steel carrying case, seven bits, sander and 5" circular saw. With them, you can build the bench and cabinet shown at right. The bench top is made of spaced boards to allow sawing on the table area.

*More information about the new tools shown on this page can be obtained from: 1. Black & Decker Mfg. Co., Towson 4, Md.; 2. Sheldon Sporting Goods Co., 270 Lafayette St., NYC 12; 3. Empire Level Mfg. Co., 10930 W. Potter Road, Milwaukee; 4. Stanley Tools, 111 Elm St., New Britain, Conn.*



**2. Sander Uses Paper in Rolls.** This sander for models and other small work holds a roll of 1"-wide sandpaper which you pull out as needed, tearing off the used length. Three refill rolls come in the kit. Turning the sander upside down gives you the use of a small scraper.

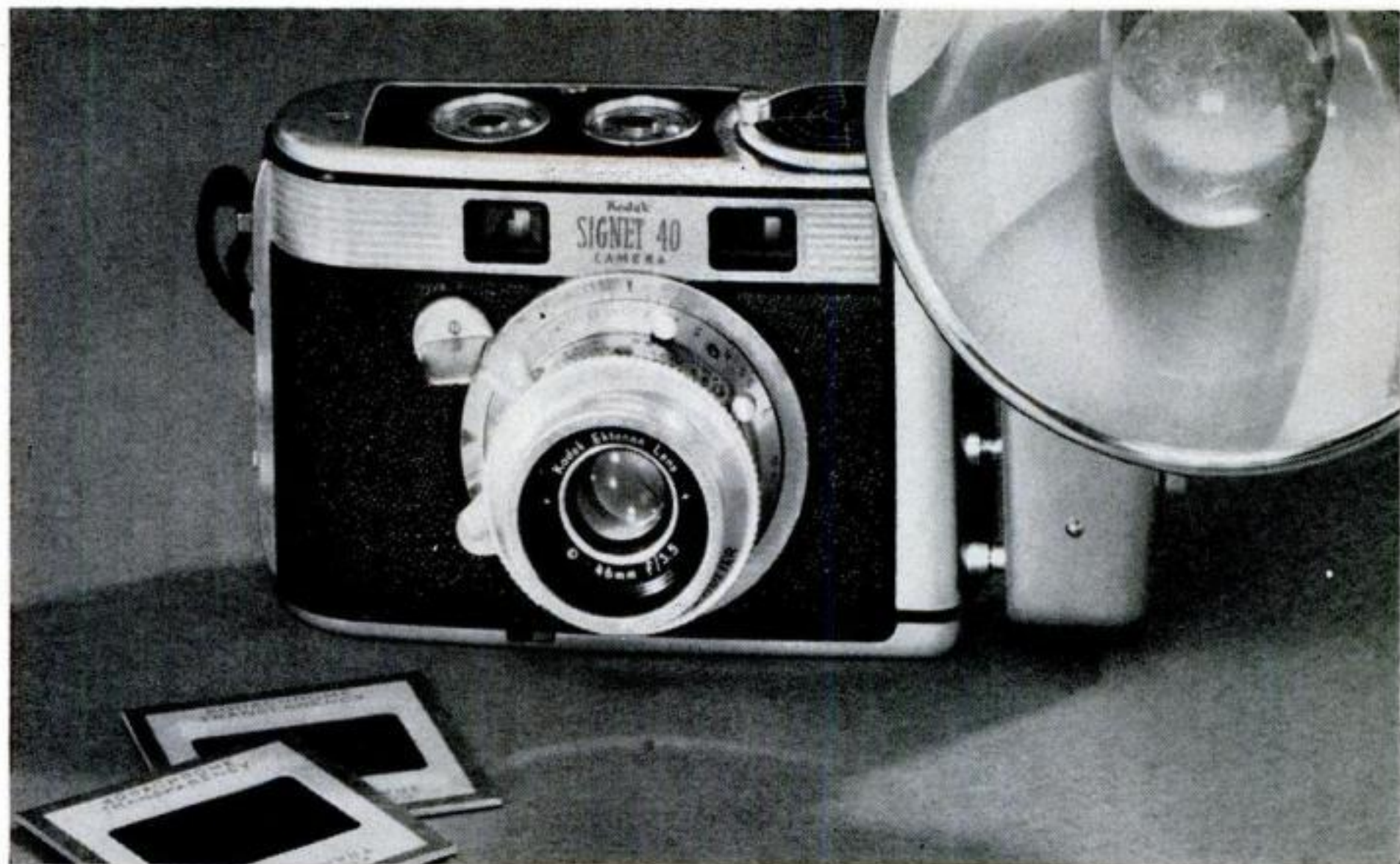


**3. Level Has Viewing Aids.** The vials in this new magnesium level snap in or out for easy replacement. Shatterproof magnifying lenses, built into the vial mounts, enlarge the bubbles for end-to-end visibility, and there is less interference from background shadow or reflection.



**4. Steel Rule Locks Reading.** When using this steel rule, you can push a button to lock its measurement in place. Push the button back, and the tape is automatically wound into the case. The underside of the rule gives direct inside readings that allow for the length of the case. Built-in scribes mark the work.





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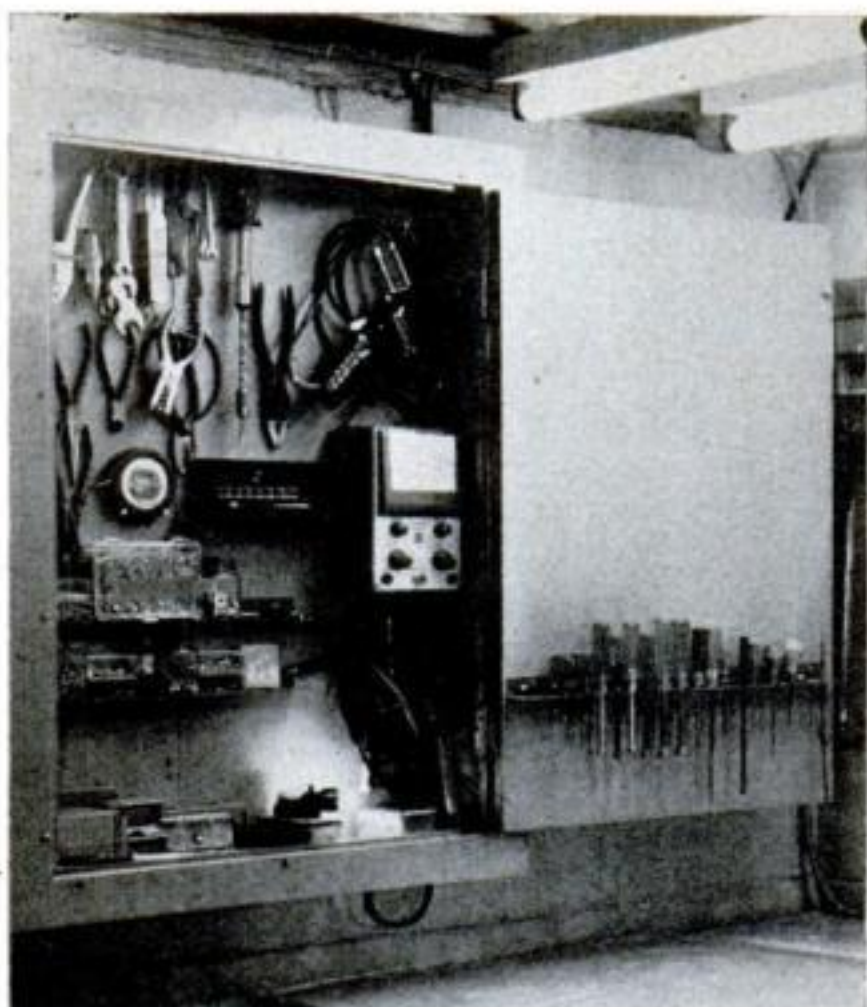
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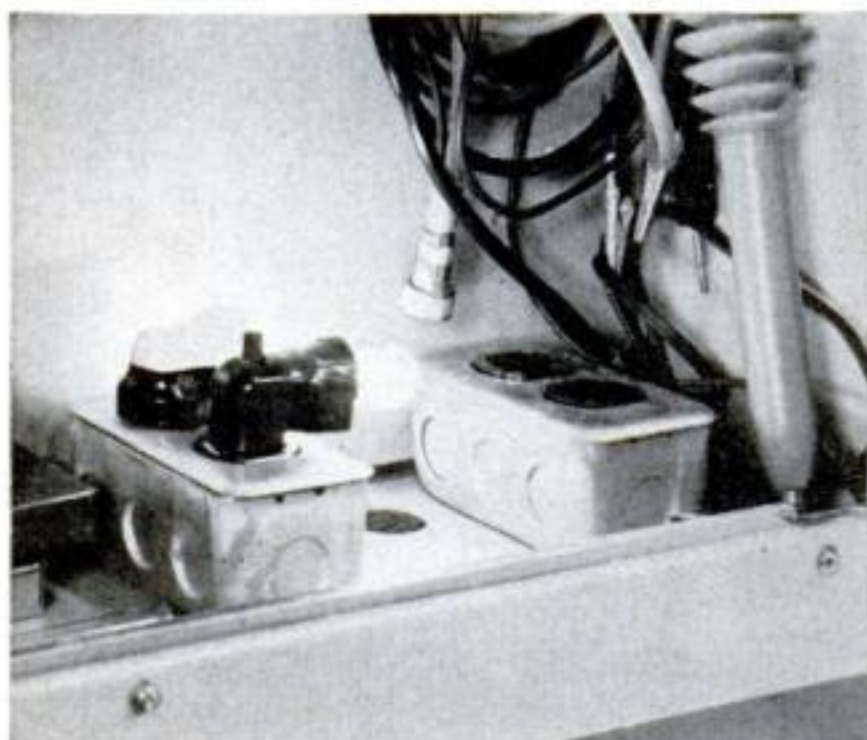
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## Heated Case Halts Tool Rust

I RIGGED up a utility outlet on the floor of my hanging tool cabinet, and now I never worry about the tools rusting. Using plug-in sockets, I burn two 7½-watt bulbs in the cabinet constantly during cool months and 25-watt bulbs in hot, humid weather. While I was doing the wiring, I installed a second outlet (photo below) for current for power tools.—*R. T. Luukinen, Washington, Ill.*

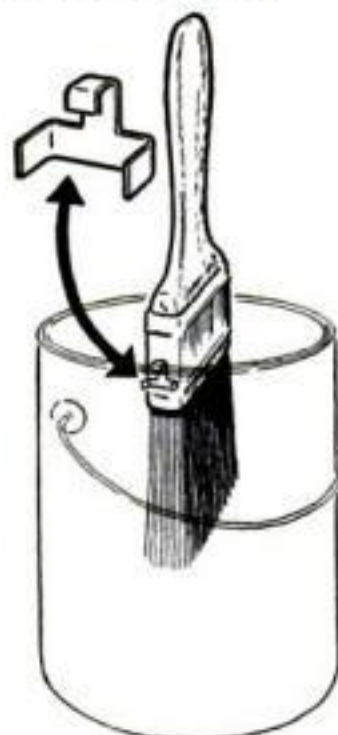


▶▶▶ Save old wallpaper cleaner and keep it handy in an airtight container. A wad pressed lightly over file teeth or rolled over typewriter keys will pick up filings or dirt efficiently and with no mess.—*Mrs. P. E. Fitzpatrick, Gary, Ind.*

## Brush Is Hooked on Paint Can

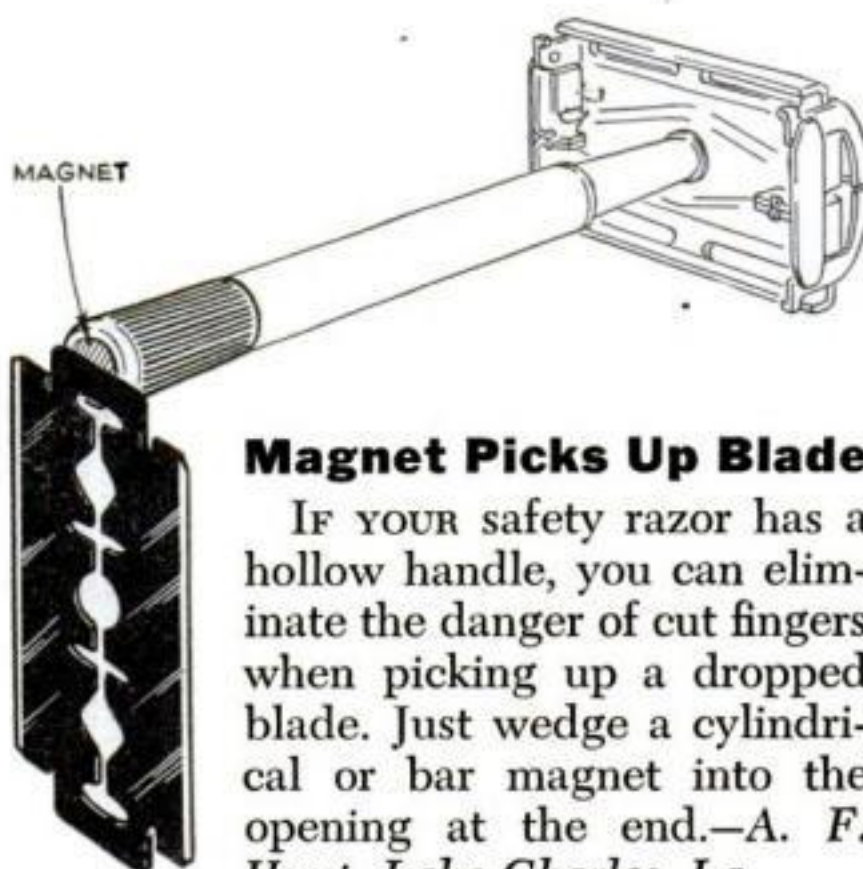
A T-SHAPED piece of metal, snipped from a tin can and bent as shown, lets you hang a paintbrush in a can of paint or turpentine.

Soldered to the brush ferrule, the upper hook fits in the rim groove and the legs rest on the inner lip to hold the bristles away from the side of the can.—*A. Zanelli, Tampa.*



## Shaped Keys Are Picked by Feel

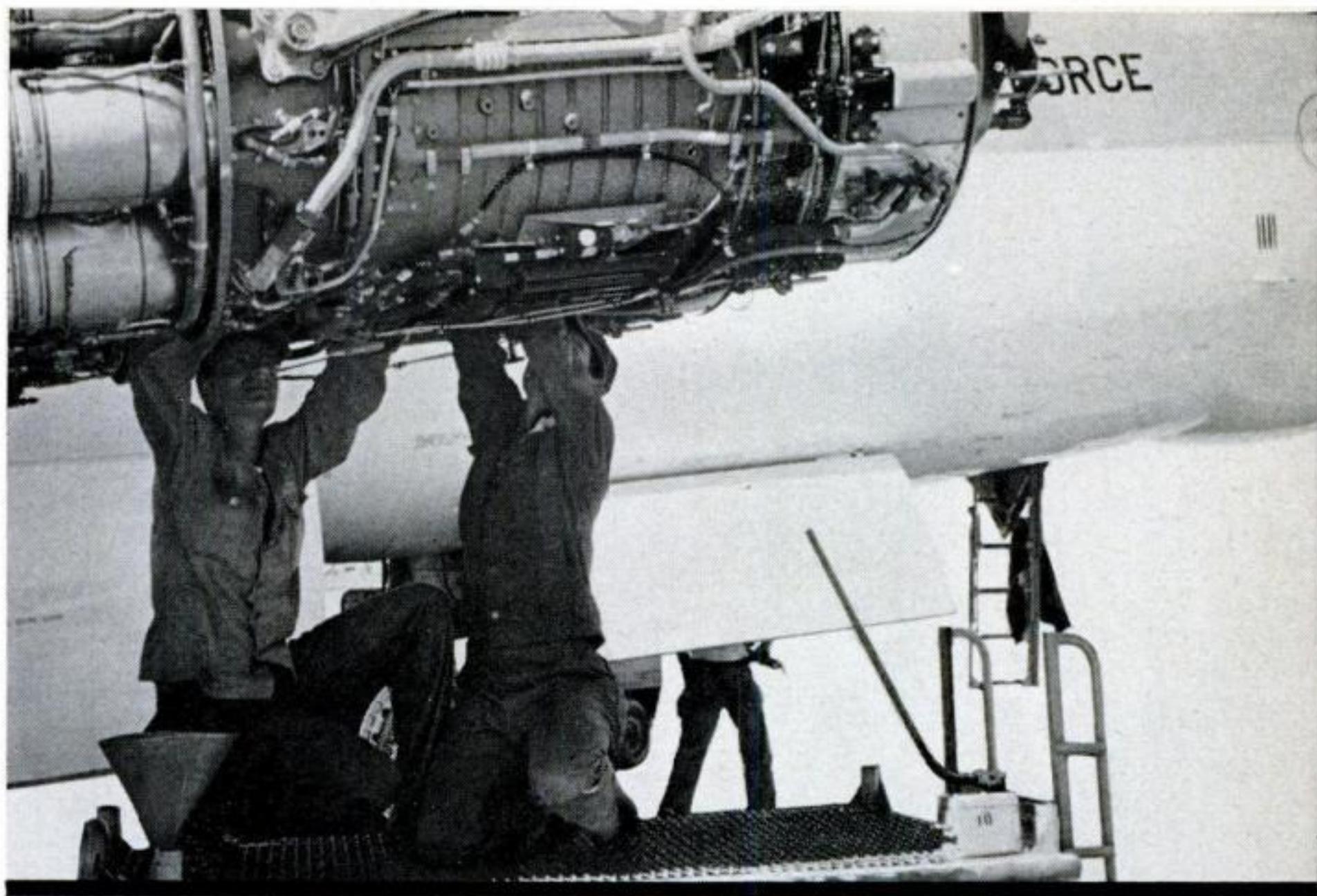
You can find a key in a bunch by touch if you make the top distinctive. These six keys have been varied by bending up the rim, filing off a side, soldering a bolt in a hole, dropping solder on the face, boring extra holes (or slotting an edge) and filing V notches in the rim.



## Magnet Picks Up Blade

IF YOUR safety razor has a hollow handle, you can eliminate the danger of cut fingers when picking up a dropped blade. Just wedge a cylindrical or bar magnet into the opening at the end.—*A. F. Hunt, Lake Charles, La.*





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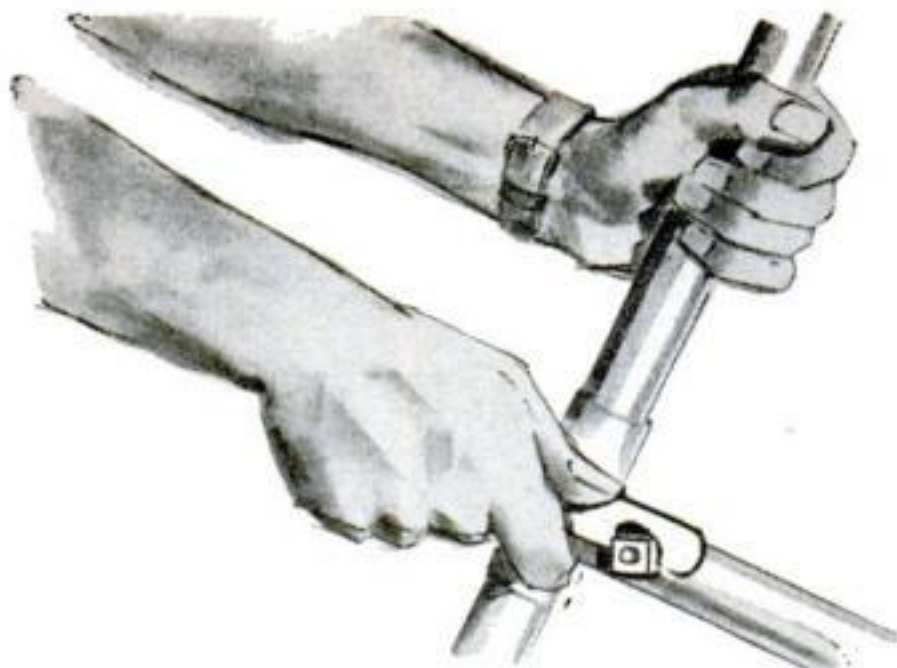
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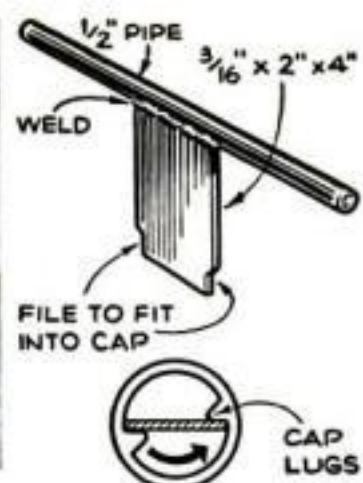
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### Bottle Opener Serves as Spanner

IF YOU want to tighten (or loosen) a nut or lug and haven't got a spanner wrench handy for the job, an ordinary pry-up bottle opener may do the trick. —Frank Shore, New York City.



### How to Make Oil-Drum Wrench

A WRENCH for easy removal of screw caps from oil drums and similar containers can be made from a piece of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " pipe and a 2"-by-4" piece of  $\frac{3}{16}$ " steel. File one end of the steel to fit against the lugs in the cap. Weld the other end to the pipe. —R. V. Thompson, Clinton, Iowa.

## DO IT THE EASY WAY



**DO KINKS DEVELOP** in an extension cord when you store it? Prevent them by wrapping it around a large juice can.

**USE A PLAYING CARD** as a marking template when installing a standard electric outlet box in a wall. Make saw cuts just within the pencil lines for a nice fit.

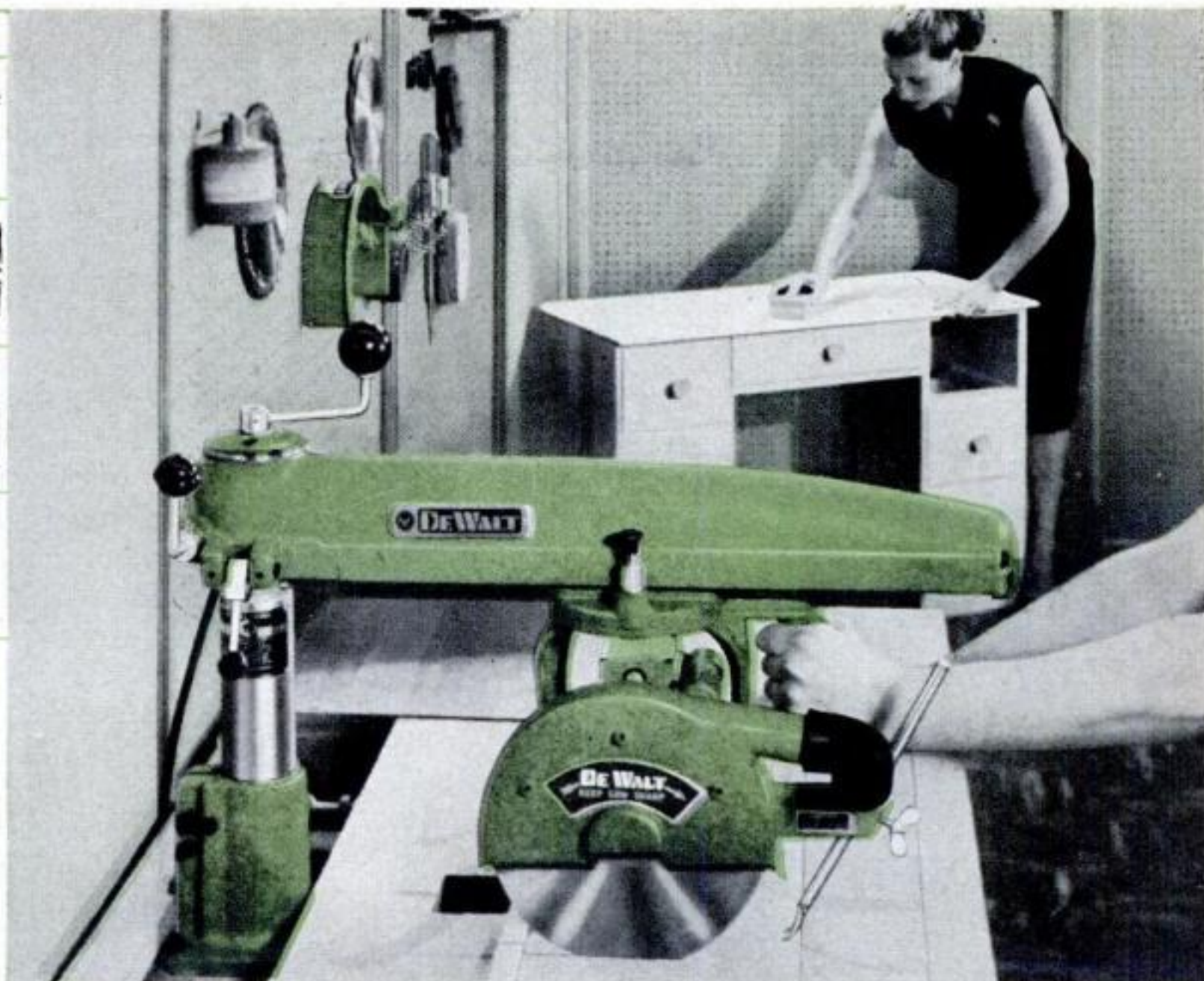


**WRAP THE SCREWS** in a cellophane cigarette package when you take down a screen door this fall. Tape the package to door.

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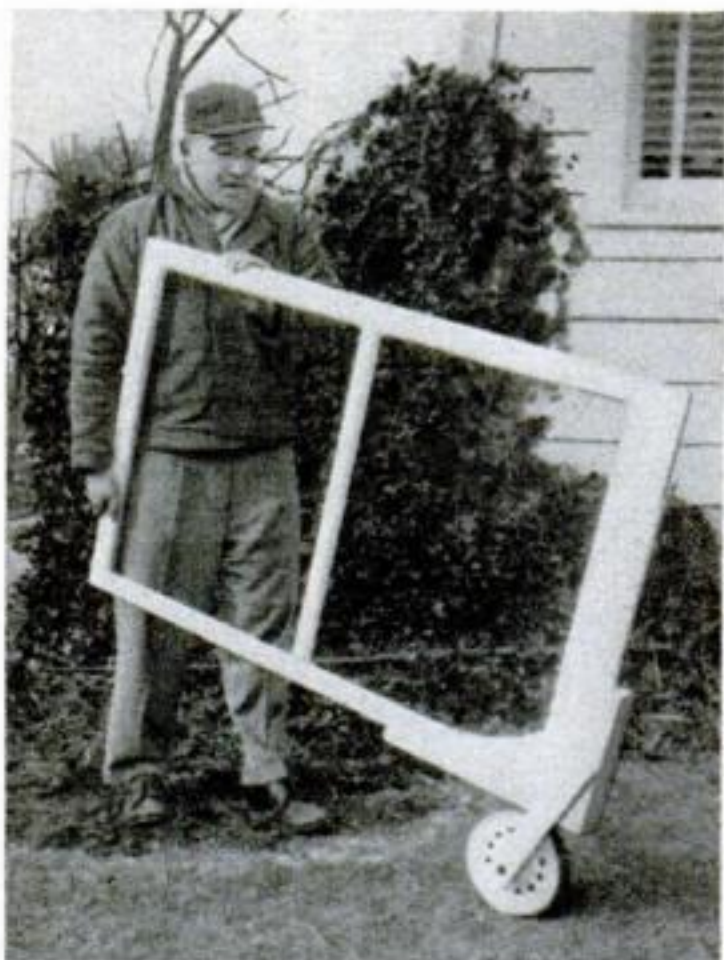


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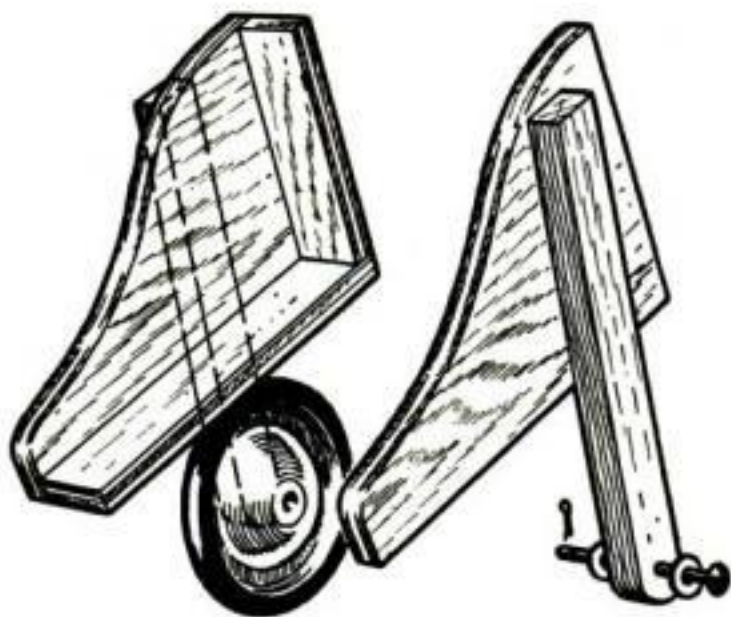
# Roll Out Those Storm Windows



THE month's best tip comes from John Nash, Sayville, N. Y. He says:

"Handling storm windows twice a year can be made a lighter task for weary backs by the use of this unit.

"Some narrow wood strips, plywood, a wheel from a toy wagon, wood screws and a carriage bolt are the things you need to assemble this homeowner's helper."



## Trouble-Shooting Fluorescent Lamps

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"What's wrong, Mr. Willard?" Cam asked.

"Wrong? I paid an electrician to hook this up. It won't light. When I told Nichols, he said it never did work right. I want my money back."

Bud shrank visibly. "I—I haven't got it," he muttered desolately.

"How about a fixture that does work—and that I'll guarantee?" asked Cam.

Willard stopped fidgeting. "Same price—five dollars? Well, I guess so."

With alacrity Bud plugged in one of the fixtures he had cleaned and checked. After it had been alight a few minutes, Willard took it and left, much mollified.

"Whew!" breathed Bud. "Wonder what is wrong with the one he returned."

"Let's see," said Cam. He plugged the dummy starter in one socket, removed the other starter, and connected the fixture. One end of each lamp glowed.

"Wrong connections," said Cam, disconnecting it. "The starter leads have been crisscrossed from one lamp to the other. You can easily fix that, Bud."

I got up from the stool I'd been sitting on. "Guess I'll try shielding that garage lamp and see how it works."

"Good. Say, Jack, I think you could skip the bifocals if you'll buy this two-lamp fixture from Bud."

**I shook my head.** "I've got a two-lamp job over the lathe. I know AC flicker from a single lamp can cause stroboscopic effects, like the wheels that turn backward in Western movies."

"What if both your lamps are flickering in step?" Cam demanded.

"Huh? But I thought two lamps—"

"Low-priced two-lamp units just naturally stay in step," Cam explained. "It takes a more expensive ballast, with extra chokes and condensers, to make the two lamps light out of phase. This one of Bud's is that kind."

"I'll be darned. Bud, I'll give you five dollars for it, and throw in my two-lamp fixture as a trade-in."

"Sure, Mr. Foster. Boy, business is good," gloated Bud. "It's a bargain!" END



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## Gus Joins the Rescue Squad

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power stays on. That's the chance we'll have to take."

"I'll have to take," Maloney snapped. "I'll go up myself. I wouldn't ask any man under me to take such a risk."

Gus felt a hand on his shoulder.

"I'll go," a voice said. "Let me go, Mr. Wilson—please."

Gus turned, and through the open door of the ice plant the light from the flames lent the features of Tommy Brown a haggard look beyond his 18 years. He stood there, thin-shouldered, gangling.

"They say I set this fire," he said. "I didn't. Telling a person you'd like to see him burn is just a saying the kids have. When Mike fired me I got riled, but I wouldn't—"

"Stand back, kid," Maloney bellowed as he dove through the ice-plant door, waving at his crew. "Men, get those hoses on this conveyor. I'm going up."

Tommy Brown was at Gus's side as he leaped after Maloney, and then he was gone. Looking upward, Gus saw the youngster clinging to the moving conveyor chain, already out of reach. Gus and Maloney ran back into the ice plant. Gus put his hand over the switch.

"If we stop it now, Maloney," he said, "the kid may burn halfway up. We've got to let him go. Get outside and tell me exactly when you want the conveyor stopped, and when to reverse it."

GUS didn't know what was going on outside, but he knew what he had to do in the ice plant. Two lives depended on his quick, sure actions. There were 440 volts of juice connected to this motor. A blown fuse, a moment's hesitation, a wrong move, would be fatal. Gus stooped, selected two wires, spread them apart from the others.

"Gus," Maloney bellowed, "the kid's in the tower."

Gus slammed off the switch lever. Swiftly he separated the two wires he'd selected, reversed them, twisted them into two pairs again.

"There he is!" Corcoran's voice was a

scream. "He's got Pagett. Pagett's out on the chain."

"Bring him down, Gus! Bring him down!" Maloney roared.

Gus threw the switch even as his last movement twisted the wires together, and the motor hummed in the opposite direction. The top half of the endless conveyor chain now moved down from the ice tower instead of up. Gus ran outside and looked upward to see Mike Pagett's body stretched full length on the chain. Behind him, face down, lay Tommy Brown, clutching his shoulders. A lash of wind-whipped flame from the roof enveloped the pair for a moment, and then they were in the clear, coming down, clothing blazing.

"That," Jerry Corcoran breathed, "is the bravest act I ever saw in my life. That kid couldn't have set this fire, Gus."

FIREMEN rushed forward to lift the unconscious Pagett from the conveyor and beat out the fire on his clothing. Gus helped Jerry Corcoran support Tommy Brown as they put him into the police car and rushed him to the hospital. A few minutes later Gus had a near-hysterical mother on the phone.

"Tommy's in the clear, Amelia," he told her. "You see, as soon as Mike fired him he went right to work at the lumberyard, piling lumber. That's right. Jerry Corcoran's already checked it—he was there all day."

"But you said you were phoning from the hospital. Is Tommy hurt?"

"Singed a bit," Gus said. "A few black and blue spots where the conveyor chain pinched him. You can expect him home in an hour, safe and sound."

"Conveyor chain!" Mrs. Brown queried. "What do you mean, Mr. Wilson?"

"I mean," Gus told her, "that your son is a hero, Amelia. He saved Mike Pagett's life . . . You can tell him from me that whenever he needs a father I'll be proud to act in that capacity." **END**

**NEXT MONTH:** Gus tackles some strange machinery.



# IDEAS FROM WELDWOOD

## THIS MONTH'S PROJECT— BUILDING CHILDREN'S FURNITURE FOR CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, you can have a richly rewarding time, and save money on Christmas presents, by giving your children furniture and toys you built yourself. And there are plenty of project ideas in the just completed 144-page book "Children's Furniture You Can Build." (See coupon to get your copy.)

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### This Month's Hint

To make a stronger than normal water-mix putty, substitute Weldwood Presto-Set Glue for the water. W. S., Elmira, N. Y.

### The Weldwood Question Box

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Micarta will bond instantly and permanently.

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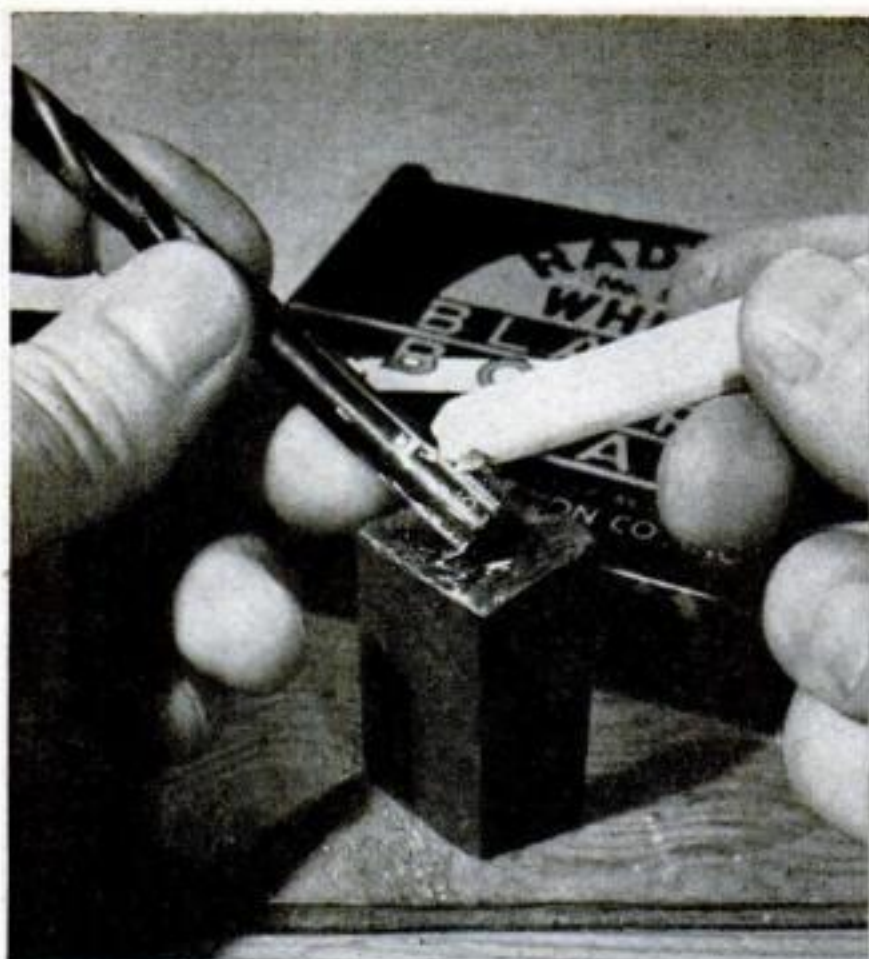
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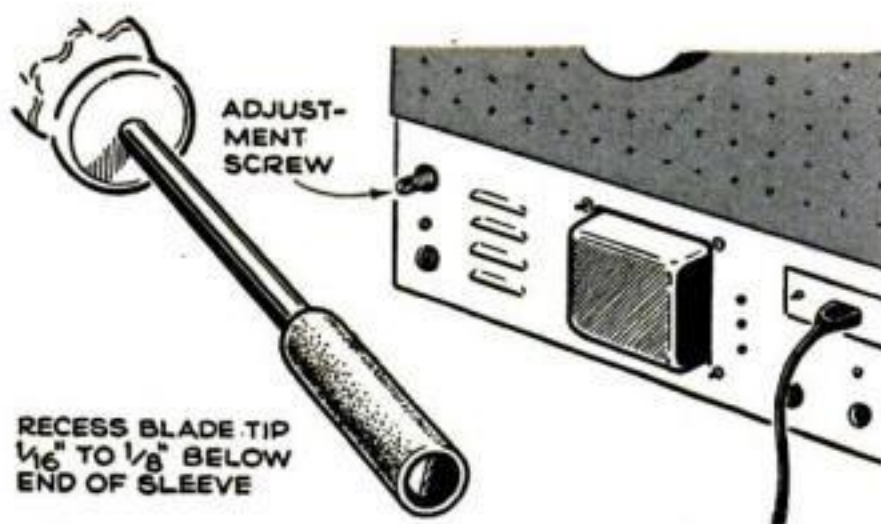
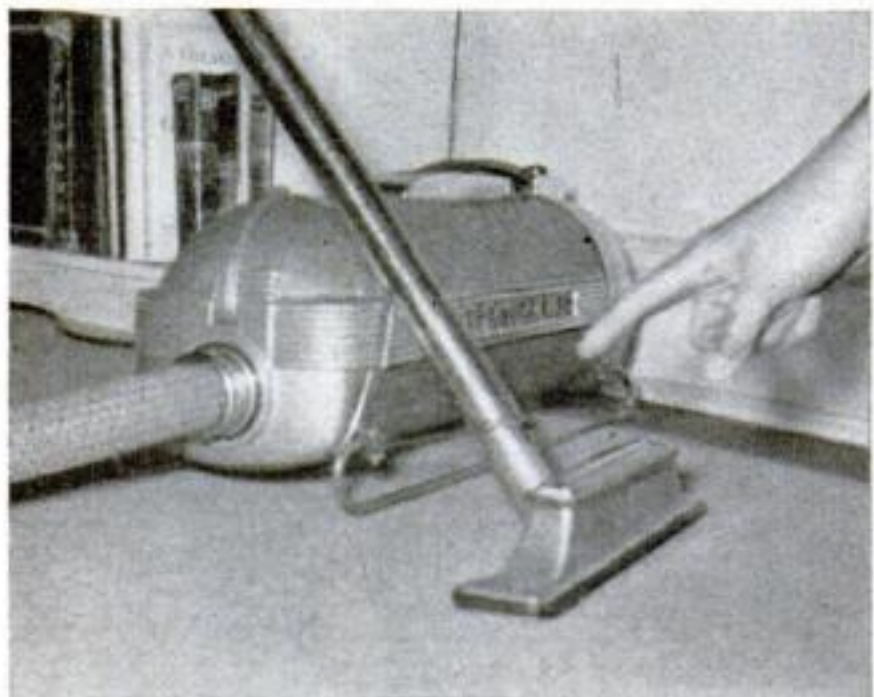
## Chalk Touches Up Drill Size

IF YOU point up drill-size markings with chalk, you will make them easy to see. Rub the chalk in and brush off the surplus. The treatment lasts some time.

▶▶▶ To remove a broken tool handle, saw it off close to the head of the tool and clamp the head in a vise with the cut wood facing up. Then, with a hammer and a square nut a bit smaller than the eye of the tool when held edgewise, you can drive out the remaining handle stub.—J. L. Cross, Blue Mounds, Wisc.

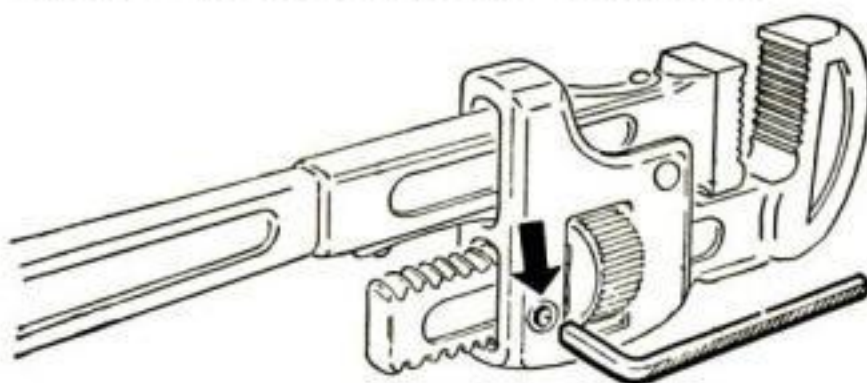
## Swing-Away Hook on Vacuum Tank Supports Cleaning Wand

A HOOK on a vacuum-cleaner tank eliminates stooping to pick up the wand every time it is put down. Bend up a 6" length of 3/16" rod and attach it at the



## Screwdriver Sticks in Slot

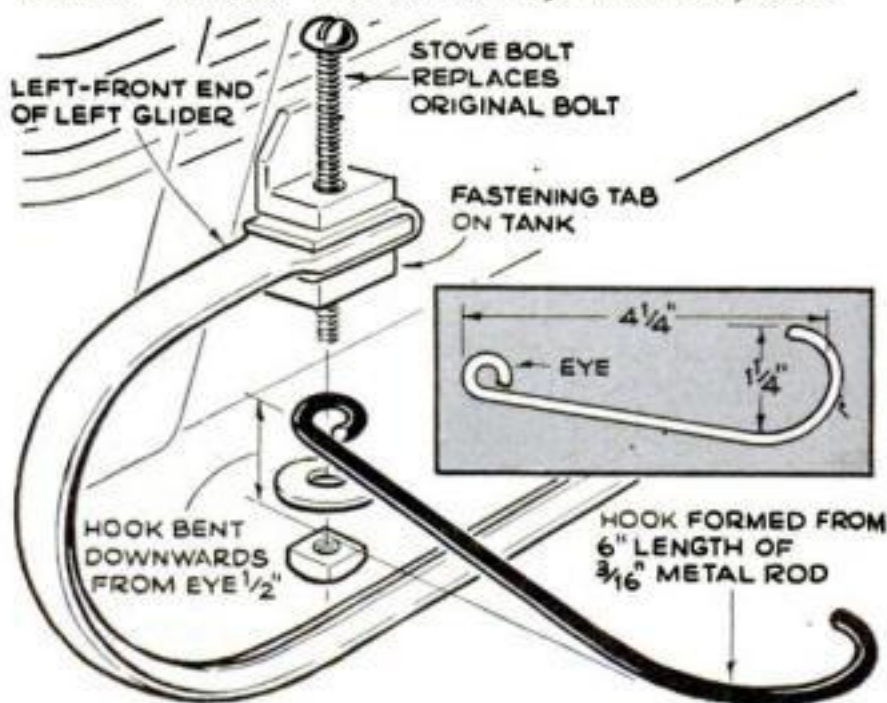
EVER try to watch your TV screen in a mirror while turning the adjustment screw on the back? To help you keep the screwdriver in the slot, fit a metal or plastic sleeve over the blade. The sleeve should extend slightly beyond the tip.—Charles J. Moore, Wolfe City, Tex.



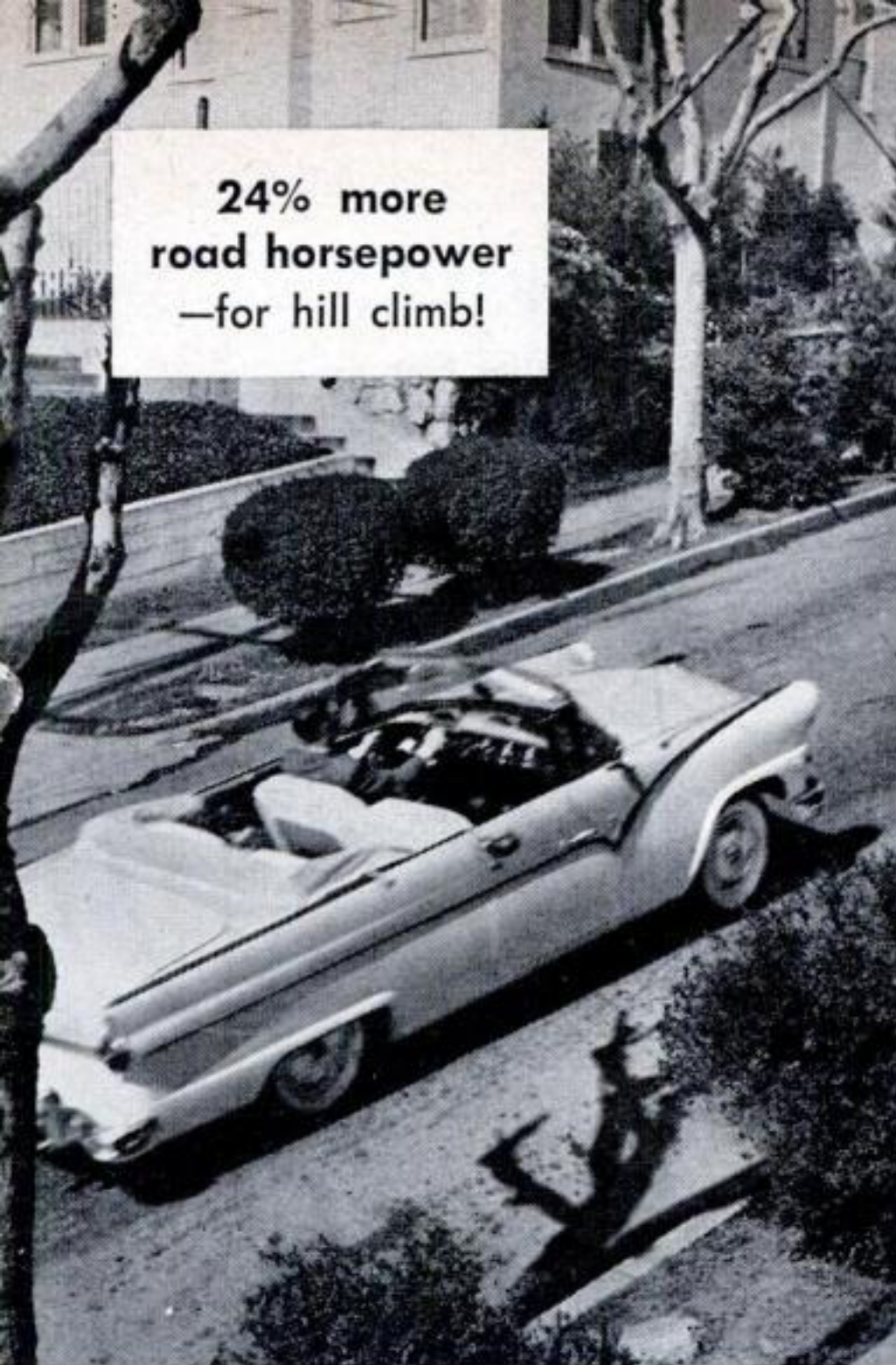
## Screw Locks Adjustable Wrench

A SETSCREW in the sliding jaw of an adjustable wrench will keep it from slipping out of position. By taking out the fluted screw, you can remove the jaw for drilling and tapping one side.—William B. Goodrich, Somerville, Mass.

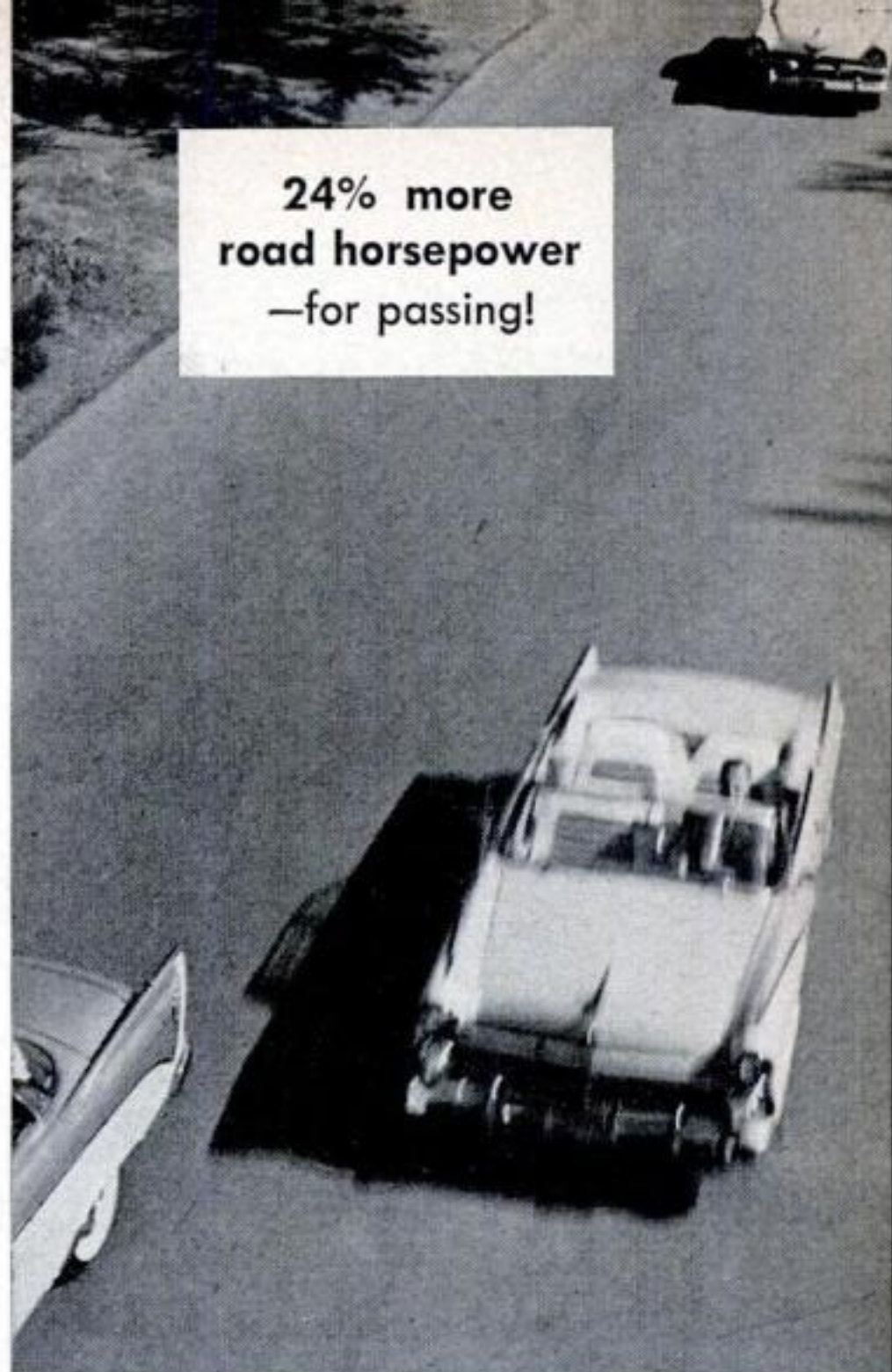
front of a glider with a stove bolt longer than the original bolt. The hook is pushed away under the tank when it is not being used.—Bruce D. Stewart, Winder, Ga.







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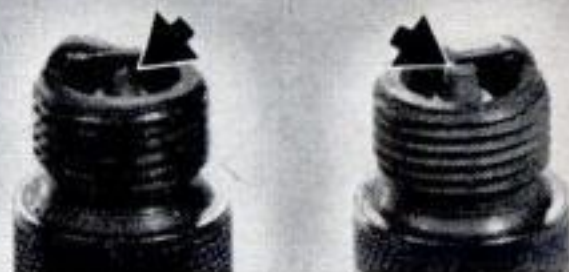
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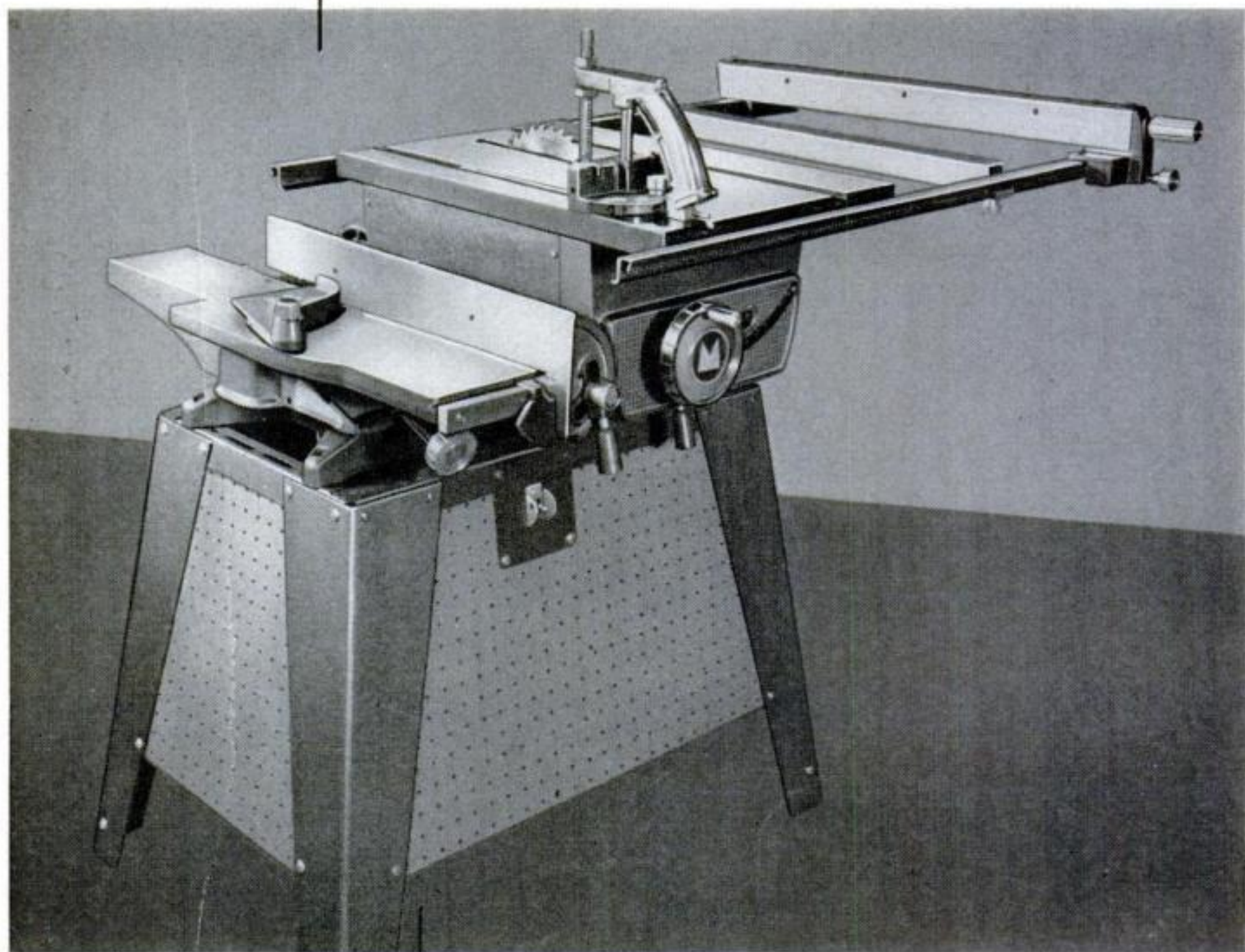


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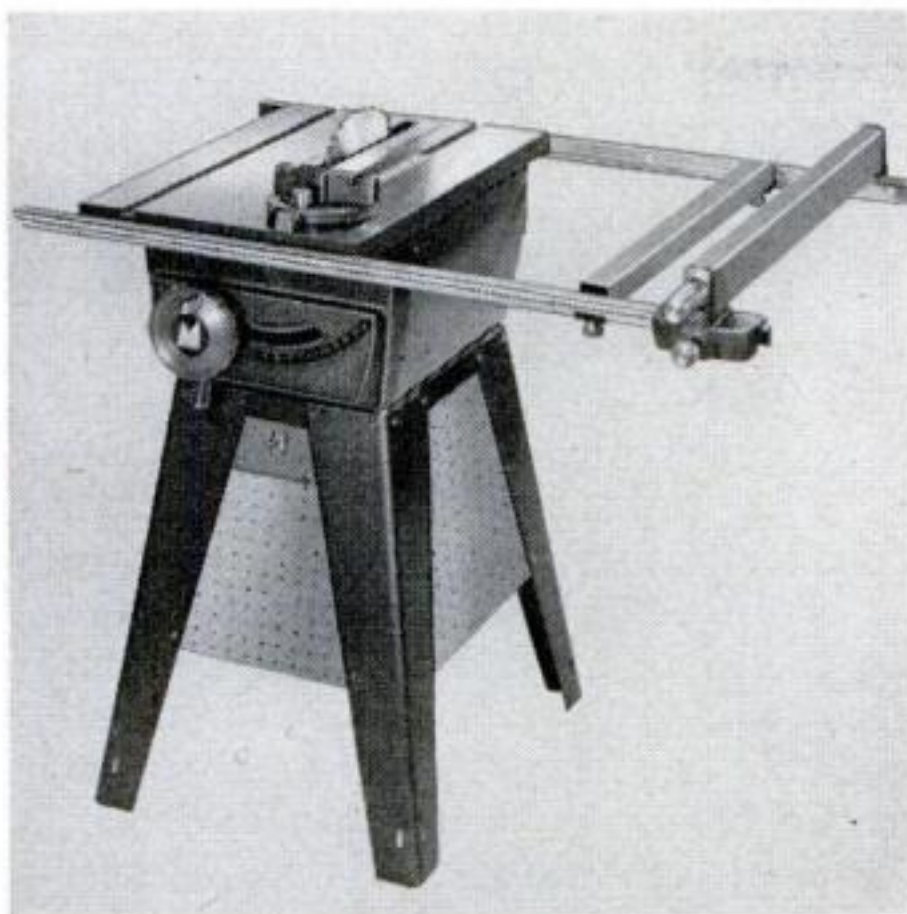
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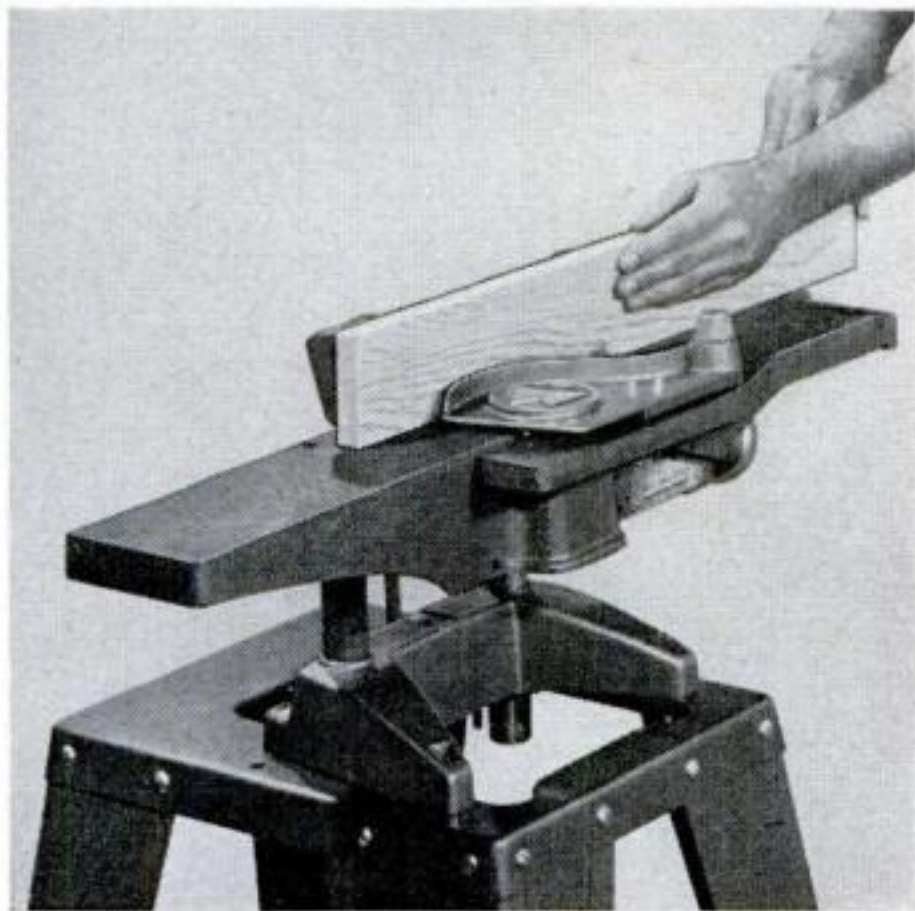
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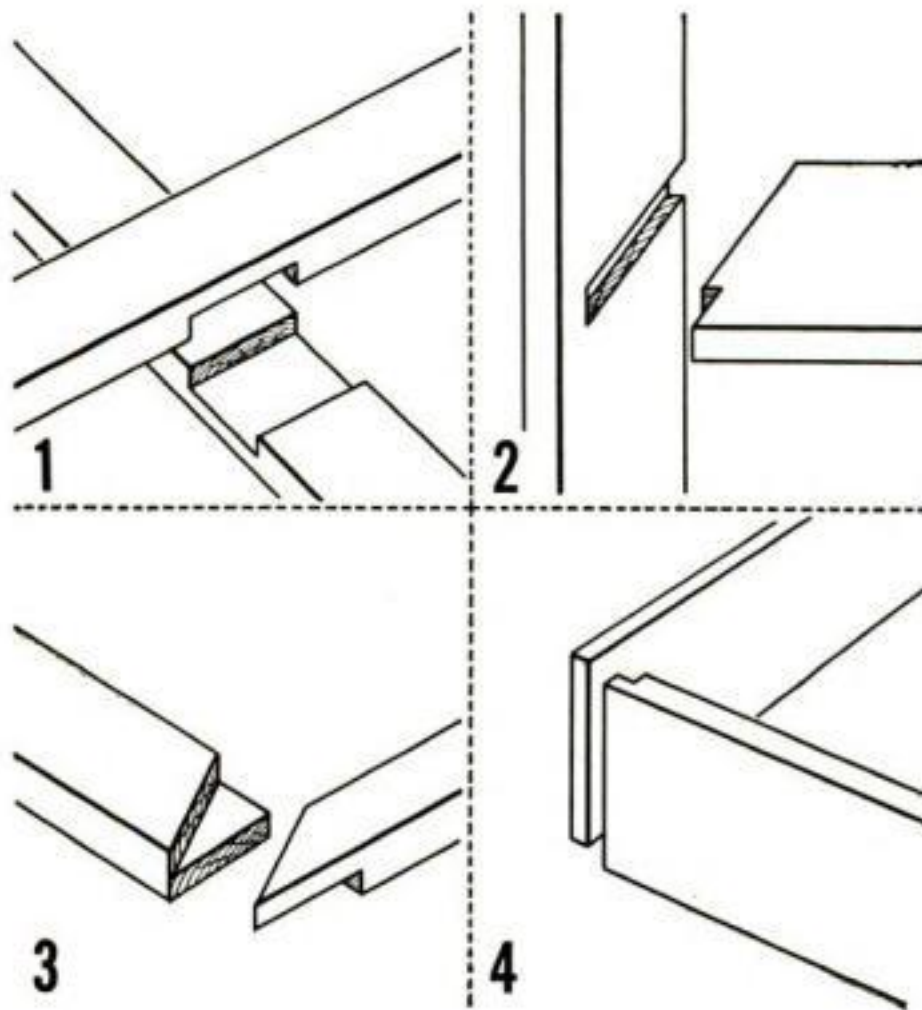
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strip of welding. The final joining was made simultaneously at many points around the ship. By Sunday morning, Aug. 21, 1955, the joining of the hull was complete.

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are often added to American-built ships to reduce the chance of a break-up.

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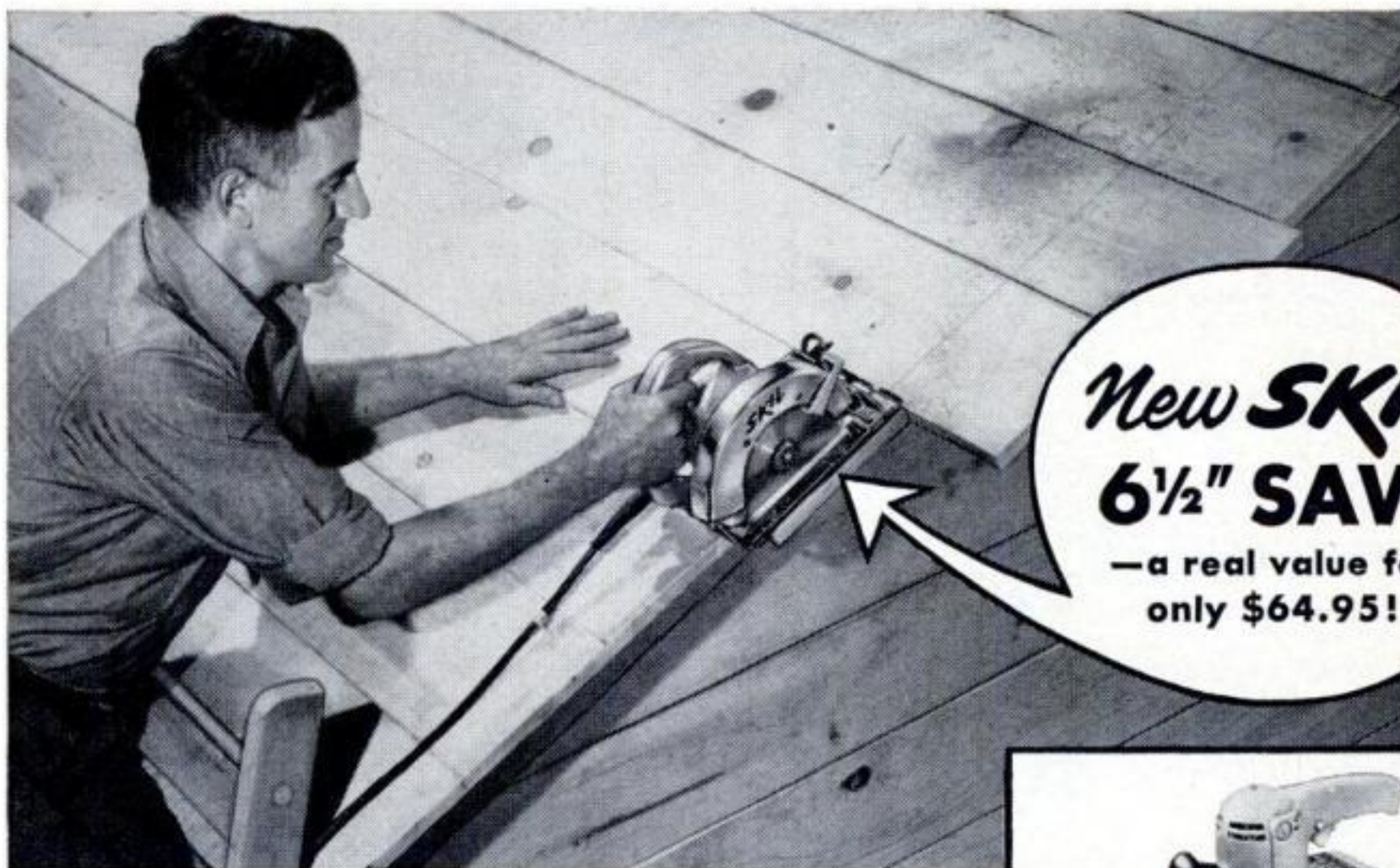
On Sept. 6, she resumed her journey to the Near East. Later, she came into Philadelphia, and Americans got their first look at the ship that died but lived again.

Because of the crack arresters, she is today a better and stronger ship than before she split apart. She also has more capacity. Because of her added strength, she was given a deeper load-line and is allowed to carry 821 more tons of oil than formerly.

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## How to Choose the Right Pickup

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because they need no equalizing networks or pre-amplifiers. The samples of the Electro-Voice Ultra-Linear, Shure Music Lovers Cartridge and Sonotone "3" series that we tested checked out creditably on meter and oscilloscope tests—and sounded good, too.

The most widely sold hi-fi pickup of them all is the GE Variable Reluctance. And for good reason: you'd be hard-pressed to find a better one for the money.

Another outstanding performer for little money is the Ronette, an imported crystal job with amazingly low distortion even at high amplitudes. Unfortunately, it lacks a diamond microgroove stylus.

**How it sounds.** Even the most slide-rule-happy engineer warns that the proof of a pickup is in the listening. And it depends on what you want to hear.

If your interest is general musical content (you'd rather not hear the squeak of rosin on a violin string) then you'll probably like the Audax. It's not cheap, and the sample we tested produced practically nothing over 12,000 cycles, but it is a smooth, sweet-sounding job over the range that matters for music.

But if you're a really sharp listener who relishes the drama of tinkling triangles and the last shimmer after crashing cymbals, only the widest range cartridges will satisfy you: the Pickering, ESL or Fairchild, for example. These show what can be reproduced from a fine, full-range record. On a run-of-the-mill record, they may not always sound as good as others. We checked this by playing the same record with two pickups—both high quality, but of differing frequency range—for a group of critical listeners. With some records, they often preferred the pickup of moderate range.

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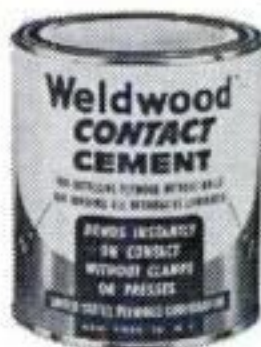
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## The Machine That Indexed the Bible

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Thus, if the key word was the first in a sentence, Univac, reading backwards, would immediately come to a period and halt. It would then read forward and record the key and its following words. If the key was the last word, Univac, reading ahead, would stop at the period immediately after it, and would record the key plus words before it. If, on the other hand, the key word was neither first nor last, but in the middle of the phrase or sentence, Univac would record the words on each side of it.

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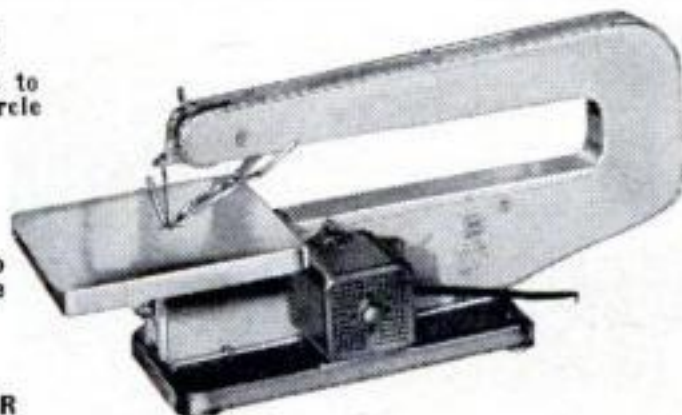
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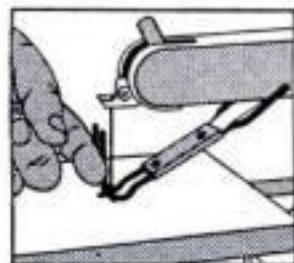


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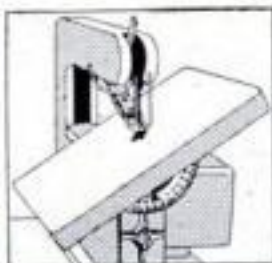
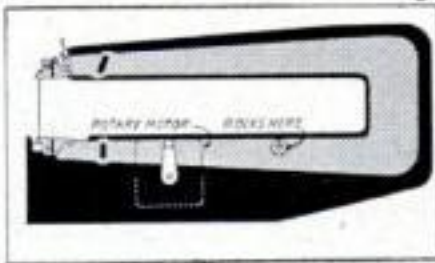


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went into Univac's memory. And back into Univac went the key-word tapes and the Bible tapes.

Out flowed 26 new tapes containing key words, their locations, and the sentences or phrases around them.

**S**OME of these latest tapes were placed in machines called Uniservos. The Uniservos were connected to Uniprinters—operatorless electric typewriters. They type out in English what Univac has recorded in figures on the tape.

At this point the prospective publisher of the concordance paid one of his frequent visits to the project.

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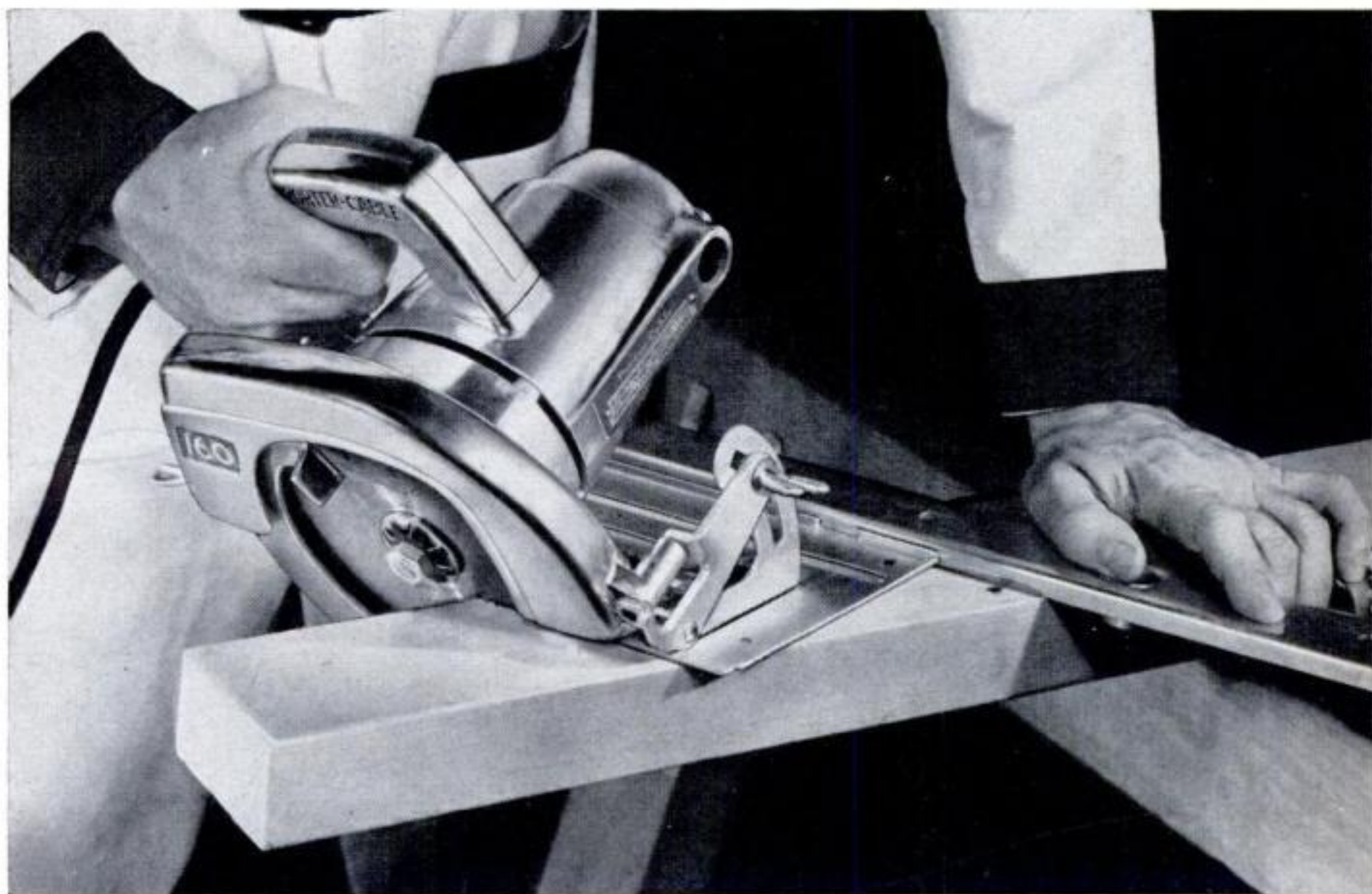
**I**T TOOK Univac 100 hours to fill the 26 tapes with the list of all entries the concordance would use. These entries were not yet in alphabetical order. But the job was downhill now. It took two routine operations and 100 hours for the moron to alphabetize them.

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runaway. Damage was confined to the reactor sites. Both accidents occurred under abnormal, experimental conditions—the one in Idaho, in a test of known risk that had required disconnecting an automatic safety control. Does this make A-power hazards seem overdrawn?

The fact is that these reactors were peanuts in power—and so, in capacity to inflict casualties and damage—compared to electric plants' mighty ones.

**S**EVEN planned U. S. A-power stations will have reactors of 236,000 to 682,000 thermal kilowatts apiece. For comparison, the famous reactors of Oak Ridge and Brookhaven rate at only 3,800 and 30,000 thermal kilowatts respectively. Thermal kilowatts, a measure of heat output, make a handy yardstick for comparing power and non-power reactors.

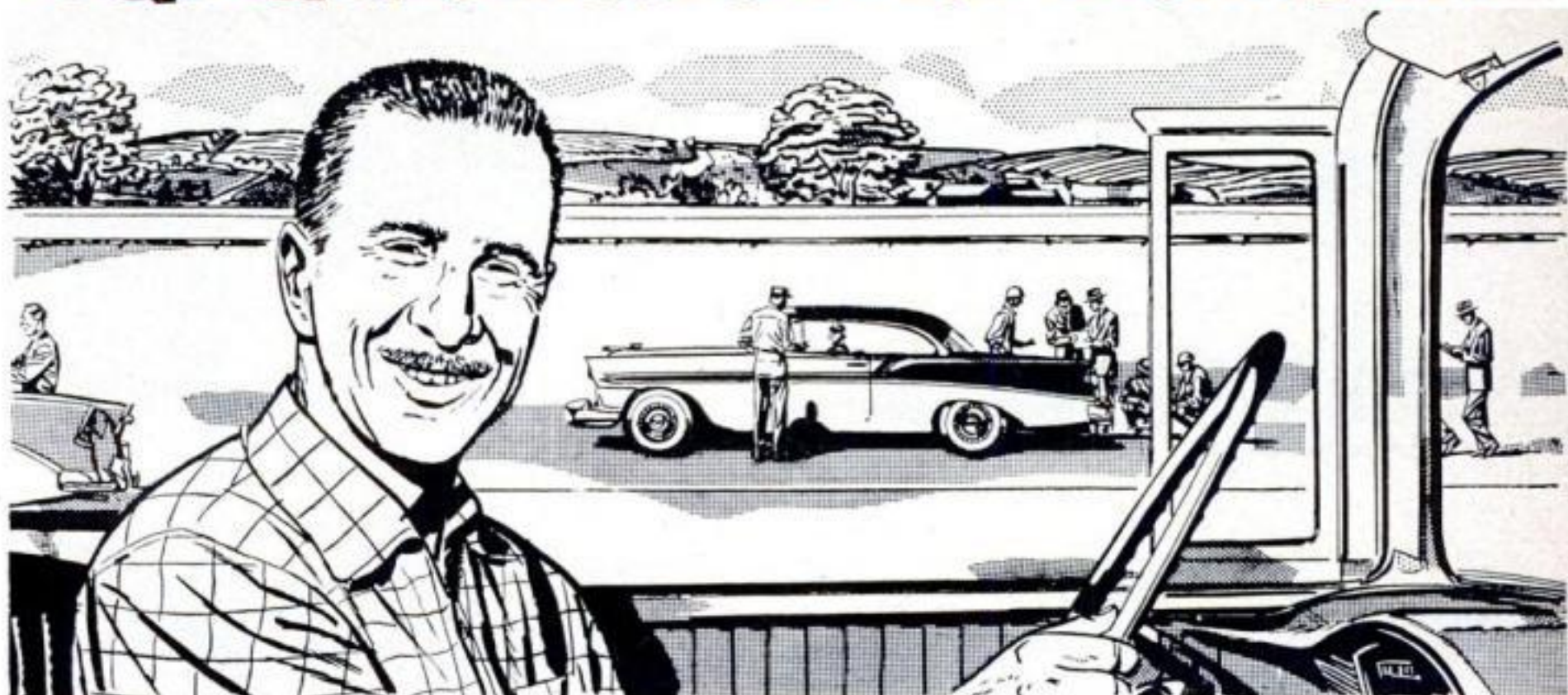
It takes about four thermal kilowatts to generate one electrical kilowatt. So an A-power plant yielding 50,000 kilowatts of electricity, about the smallest considered full-scale, takes a 200,000-thermal-kilowatt reactor. Only a few existing reactors, whose exact power is a military secret, are believed in the same class: our A-submarines' power plants, their land-based prototypes, and the great plutonium-making reactors at Hanford and Savannah River. It was the A-sub's prototypes that introduced "containers" for power reactors, like General Electric's 225-foot sphere around its reactor at West Milton, N.Y.

These massive gas-tight containers provide a second line of defense. Designers plan them to be strong enough to withstand the most violent imaginable happenings within: a runaway reactor's self-destruction, a blast of escaping steam, a chemical explosion, or the impact of "missiles," as the design studies call flying debris. Only if some unforeseen event breached the container, could any fission products get loose. Even then, the container would probably confine

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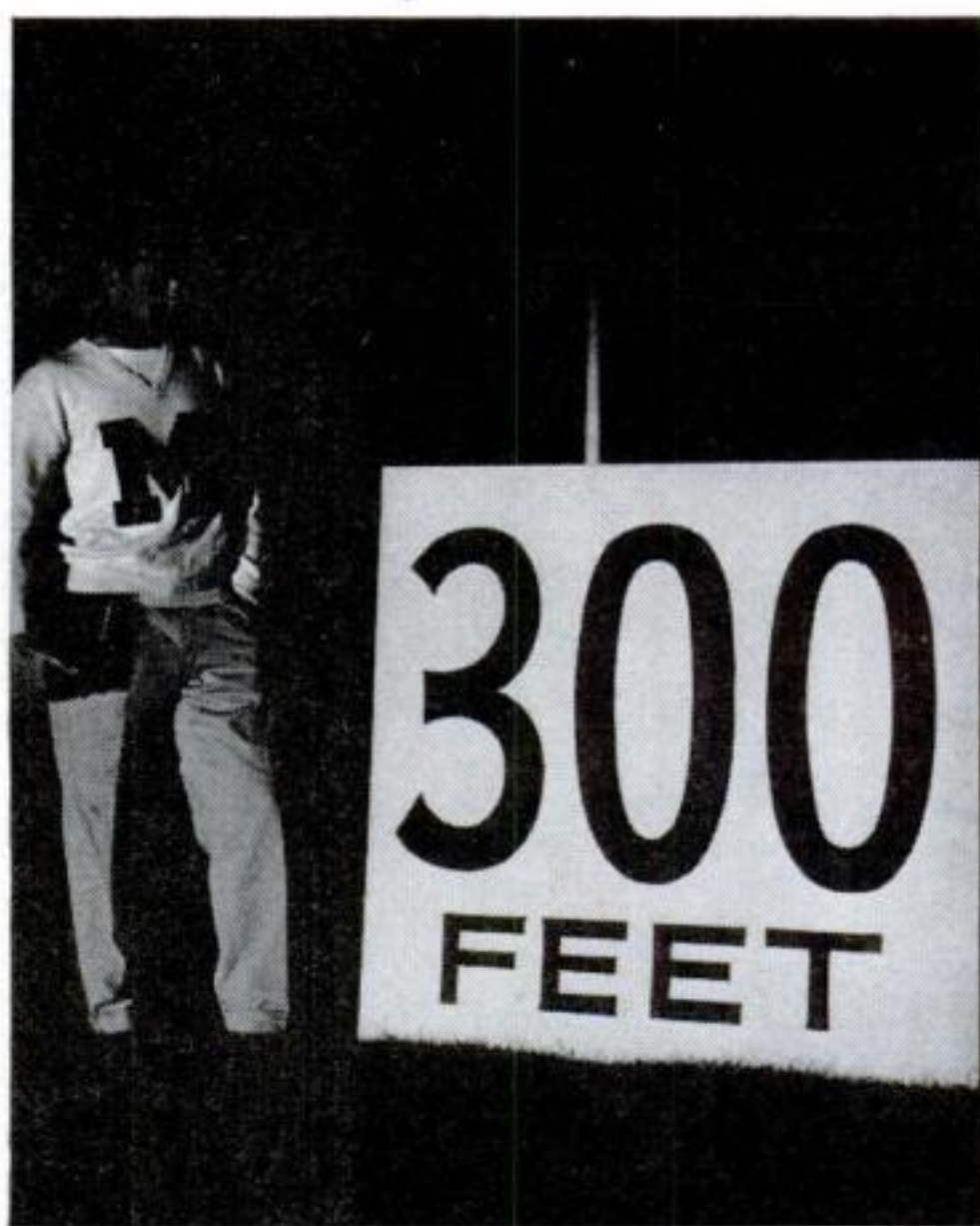


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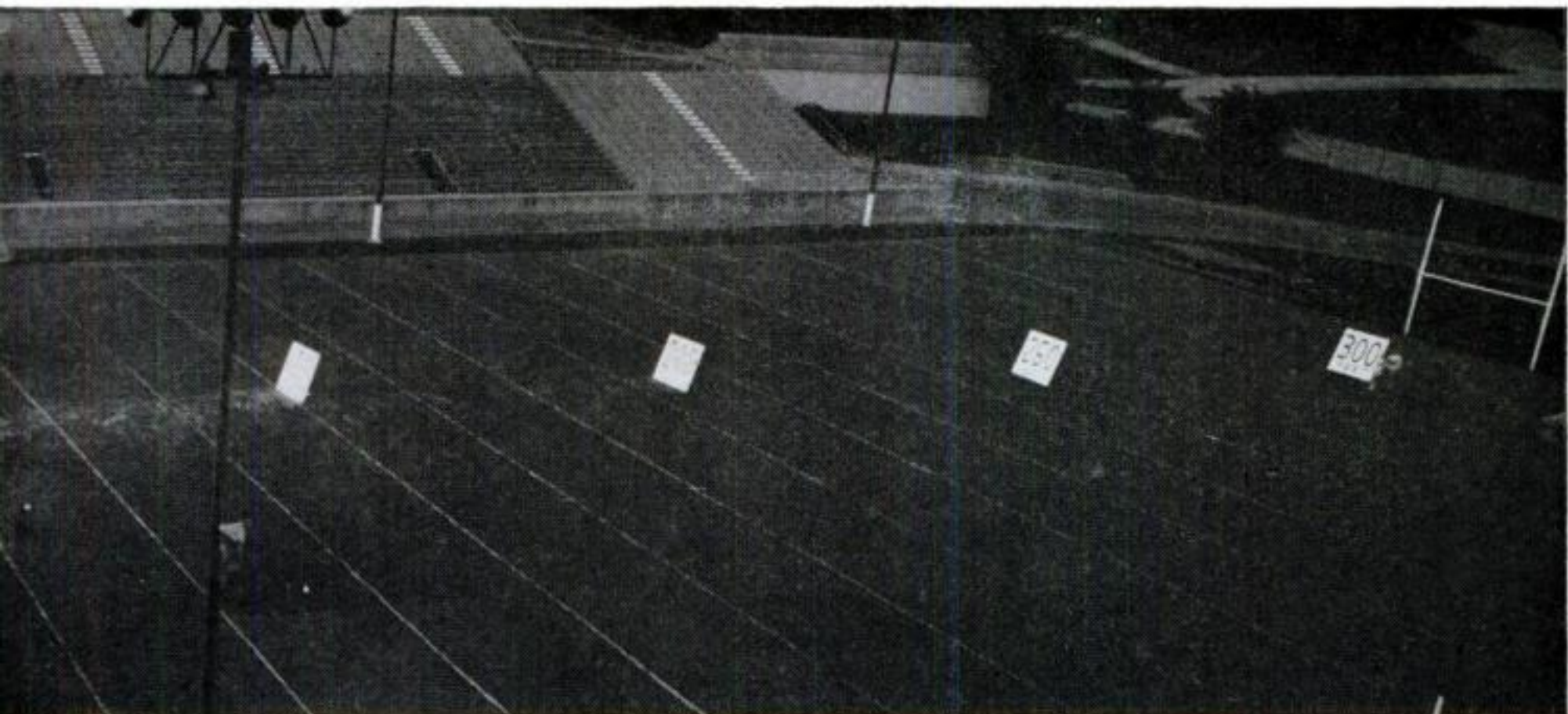


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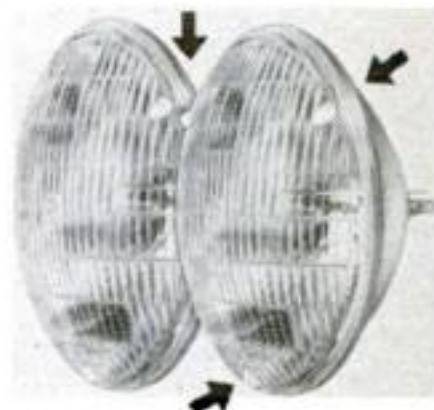
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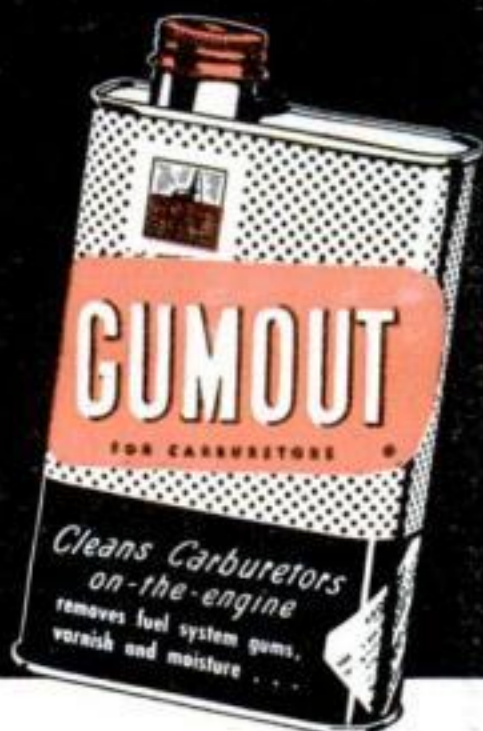


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all but a very small percentage of them.

"Looking at it pessimistically," says Dr. W. F. Libby, AEC commissioner, "we might expect a release of one percent of the fission products in the event of a reactor failure." If the runaway reactor rates at 100,000 thermal kilowatts and has been running 100 days, this is what he says could result:

**D**RIFTING downwind over a region populated with 200 to 300 people to the square mile, the radioactive cloud could imperil an area of some five square miles. Several people, perhaps three to five, might suffer injury from the radioactivity of the passing cloud and its fallout. Lest the casualty list mount, all the 1,000 to 1,500 inhabitants of the danger zone would have to be evacuated. Without drastic decontamination of the stricken area, at least a year would elapse before the radioactivity died down and the refugees could return to their homes. Total damage, including contamination of farm crops over 50 square miles, could range between \$500,000 and \$2,000,000. That is the most that Dr. Libby thinks could realistically be expected to happen.

Now let's be unrealistic, he suggests. From the same runaway reactor as before, suppose that a violent accident somehow released a "worst-possible" 100 percent of the fission products into the open air instead of a mere one percent.

**T**HAT would be a major disaster. The deluge of radioactive poison could kill 20 to 30 persons; injure 300 to 500 more; force 100,000 to 150,000 to flee their homes; lay waste the crops over an area the size of Connecticut; and cost from \$50,000,000 to \$200,000,000 in property damage alone. And all these figures would be multiplied for the more powerful reactors actually on the way.

A-experts agree that the chances of this big-scale atomic-power disaster are fantastically remote. But, being sticklers

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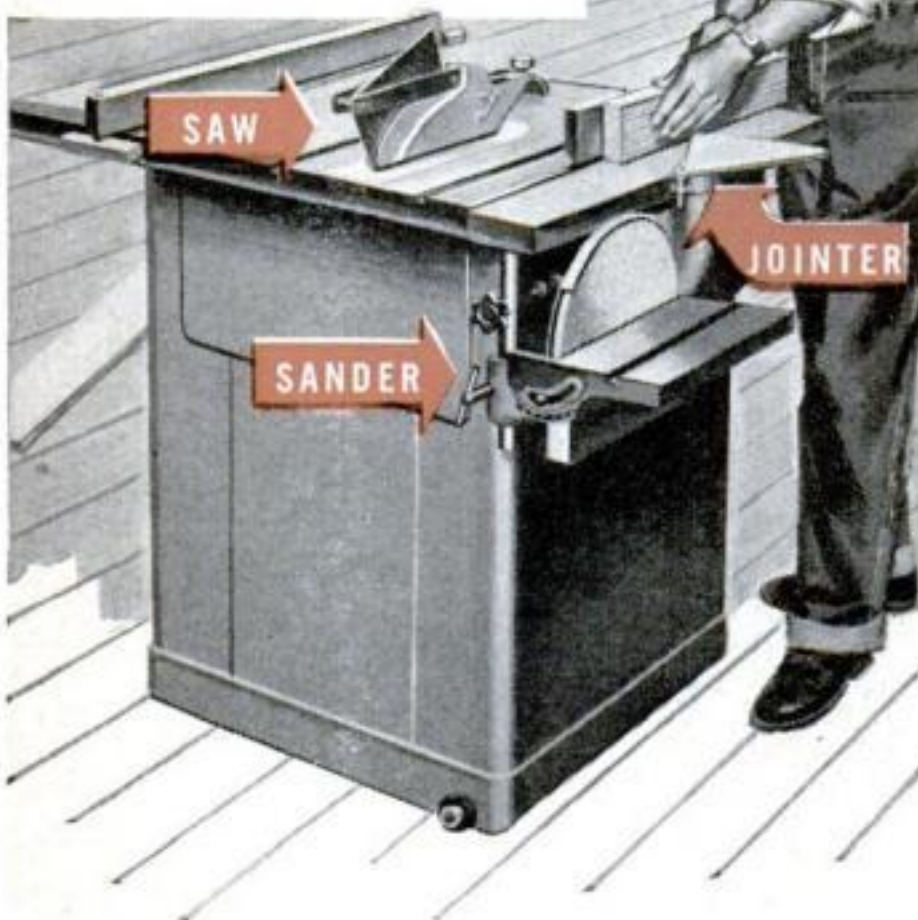




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for precise language, they won't go quite so far as to call it "impossible." That outside chance explains why some prospective operators of A-power plants insist on obtaining at least half a billion dollars of liability insurance, before a wheel turns—a record amount, of which only the government can provide the major part.

Weird hazards that could complicate a reactor runaway, or lead to other emergencies, result from the strange machines and materials of atomic power. Radioactive overheating, even in a shut-down reactor, could melt the fuel rods and loose the fission products if the cooling system failed. So designers must provide a standby cooling system—or hose connections, into which fire apparatus could pump emergency cooling water for the reactor.

Uranium metal will burn. So will sodium, the liquid-metal coolant in some of the newer reactors. Water striking sodium causes an explosion. Zirconium, a reactor structural metal, likewise can react explosively with water if it's hot and molten. Thus fire or chemical explosion could follow a reactor runaway—the chief A-power hazard of them all.

"We have been exceedingly lucky that nobody has yet been killed by a runaway reactor," says Dr. McCullough. But we can't expect such good luck, he bluntly warns, to last indefinitely.

**A** RUNAWAY-PROOF reactor would be a giant stride forward in A-power safety. Current efforts to develop one may be a race against tragedy.

One of the most promising designs, called the boiling-water reactor, has fuel plates immersed in water. Remove the water, and the chain reaction stops. If this reactor went out of control, designers figured, the heat would vaporize and eject the water—automatically halting the runaway.

The first small model of 1,300-1,400 thermal kilowatts, named Borax I, proved

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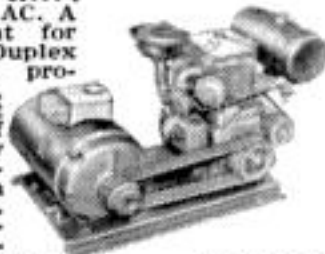
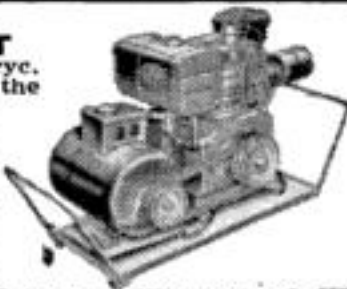
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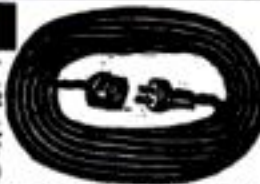
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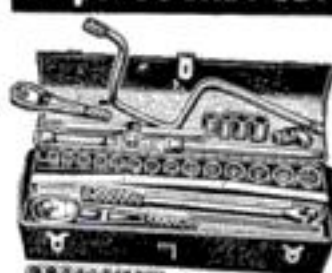
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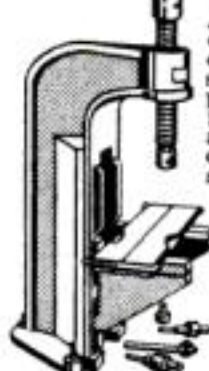
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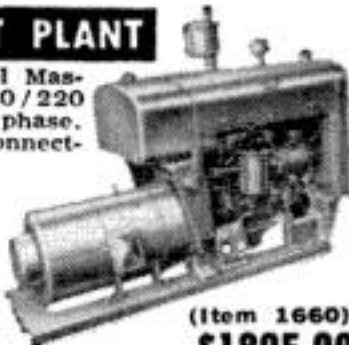


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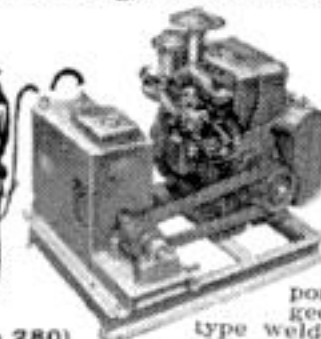


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## How Safe Are Our A-Power Plants?

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the idea sound. Argonne National Laboratory experimenters tried in vain, 200 times, to make it run away. Borax I simply burped, spewed a boiling-water geyser 30 feet high, and shut itself off.

Only by a very unfair trick, shooting a control rod suddenly out of the reactor with a spring, did they manage at last to outwit Borax I's protective reflexes. There was a flash of light, a sharp detonation, and an 80-foot-high column of dark-gray smoke enveloped the reactor. When it cleared, observers saw that the superstructure had been carried away. Most fragments of wreckage fell within 200 feet of the reactor and there was no appreciable fallout beyond a few hundred feet. You could make this reactor run away if you were determined to, the trials showed, but not unintentionally. Bigger models have followed.

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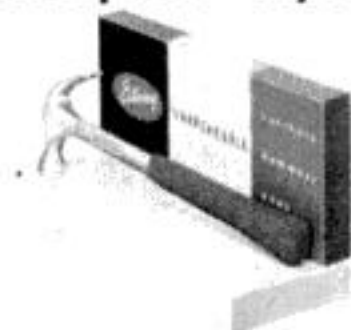
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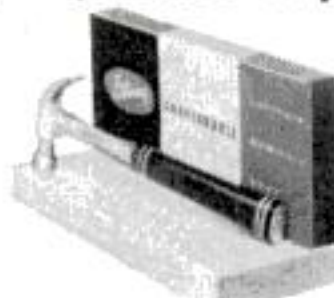


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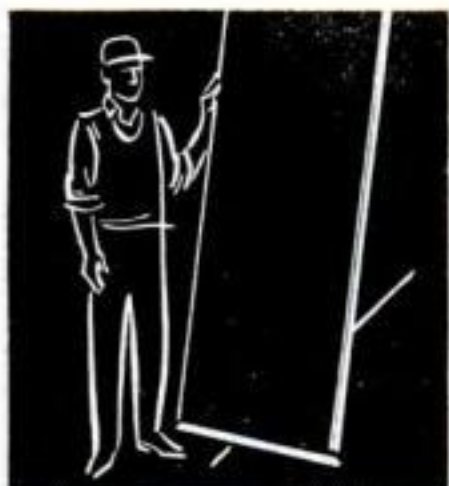
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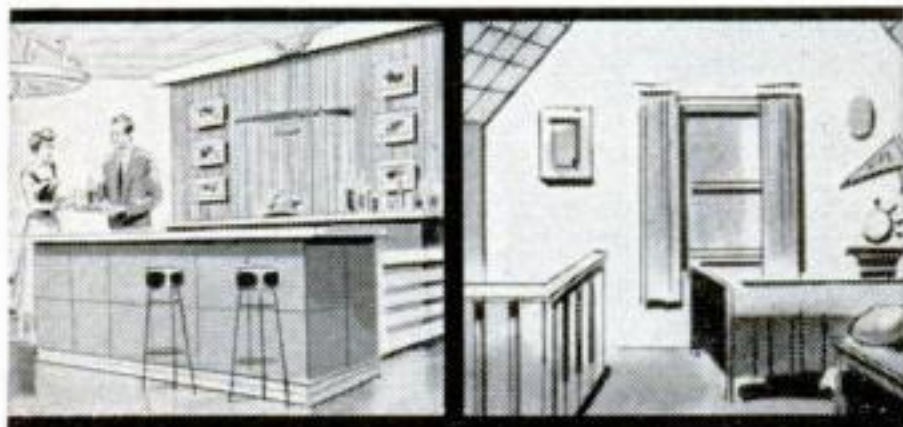


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## What's New in the 1957 Chrysler Family

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been increased from 354 cu. in. to a whopping 392 cu. in. This big power plant puts out 325 horsepower, with a bore and stroke of 4 by 3.9 inches. Intake valves have been increased to two inches in diameter; compression is 9.25:1.

Imperial bodies have a lower roof line nestling between higher upswept rear fenders. Side windows are curved inward at the top giving the body symmetry and roundness. The rear deck is lower, cutting into trunk space but adding rakishness to rear-end design. Imperial's famous circled taillights are now worked into the rear fender.

**Chryslers** now come in three series: New Yorker, Saratoga, and Windsor. The New Yorker will be powered by the big 392-inch, 325-hp. Imperial engine. The Saratoga and Windsor will have 354-cu.-in. engines with high-dome pistons that bring compression up to 9.25:1. Intake valves are upped to 1.94 inches in diameter. The 285-hp. Windsor has a two-throat carburetor as stock equipment while the New Yorker and 295-hp. Saratoga have four-throat carbs. All series will be equipped with the TorqueFlite automatic transmissions.

**DeSoto** is offered in three series: FireFlite, FireDome, and FireSweep. The FireFlite and FireDome series, which are one inch longer than last year, are powered by V-8 engines of 340 cu. in. and 9.25:1 compression ratio. The FireSweep has a 245-hp. engine (260-hp. on the four-barrel-carburetor model) and 8.5:1 compression ratio. The three-speed TorqueFlite transmission is standard on the FireFlite (295-hp.), optional on the FireDome (270-hp.) and FireSweep.

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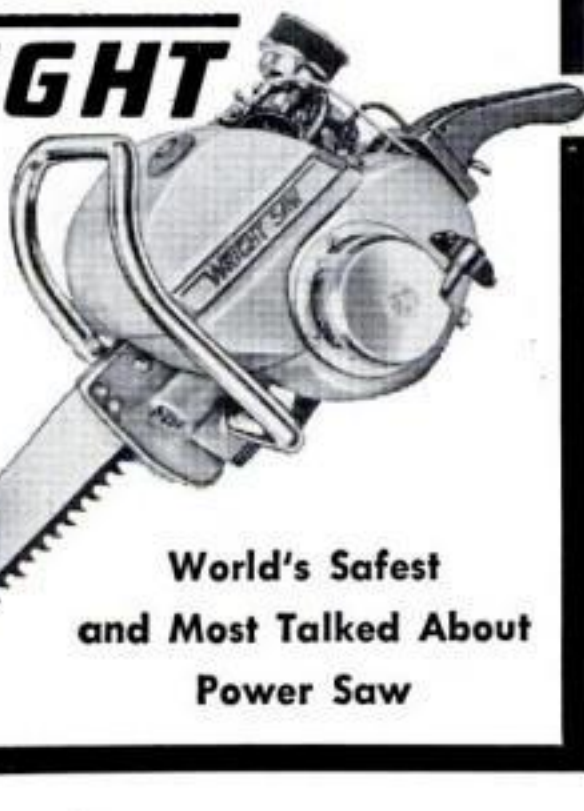


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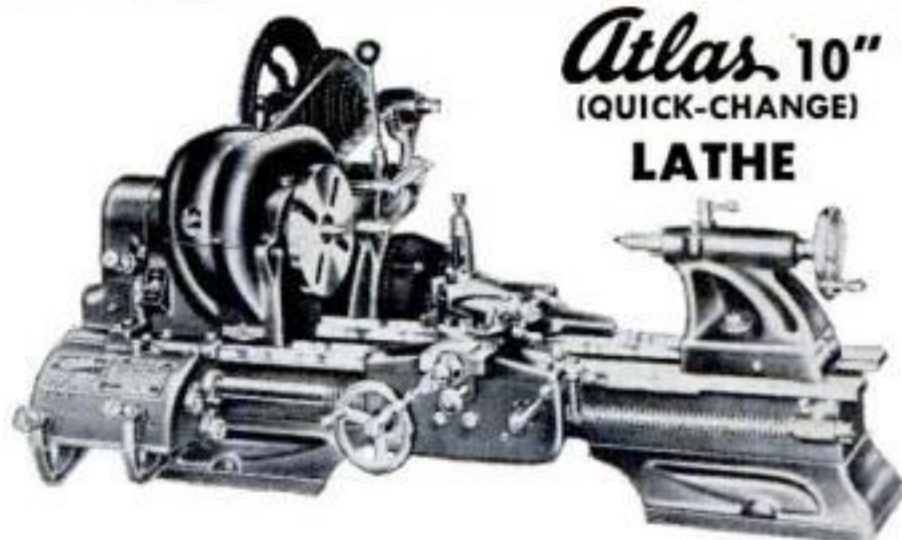
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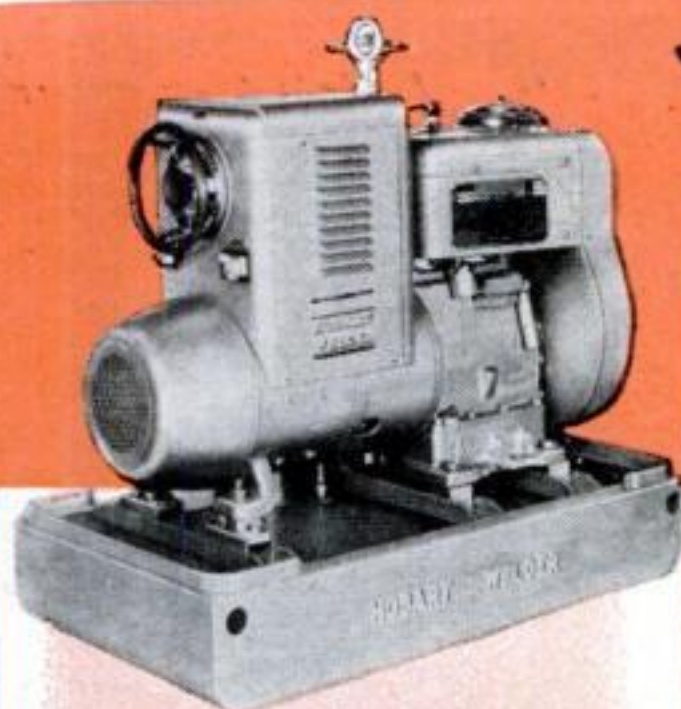
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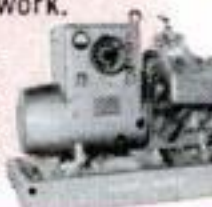
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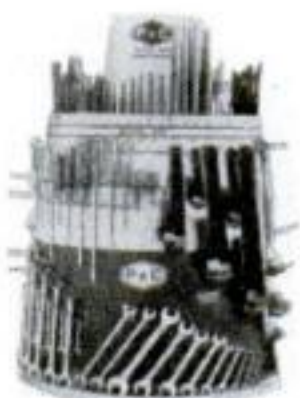
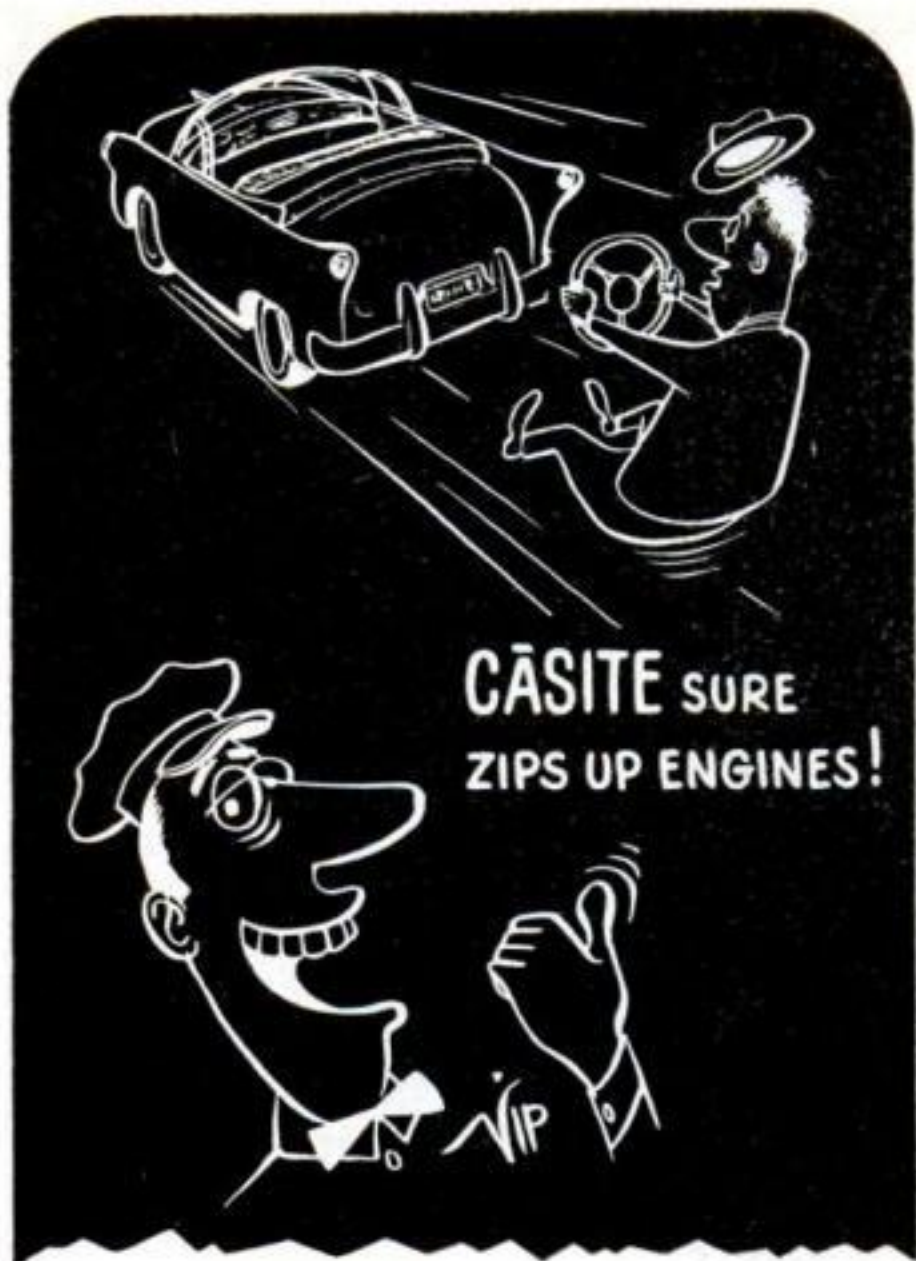
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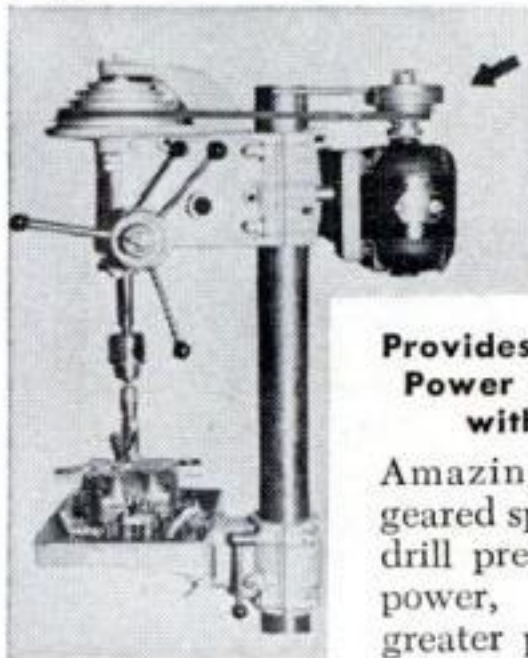
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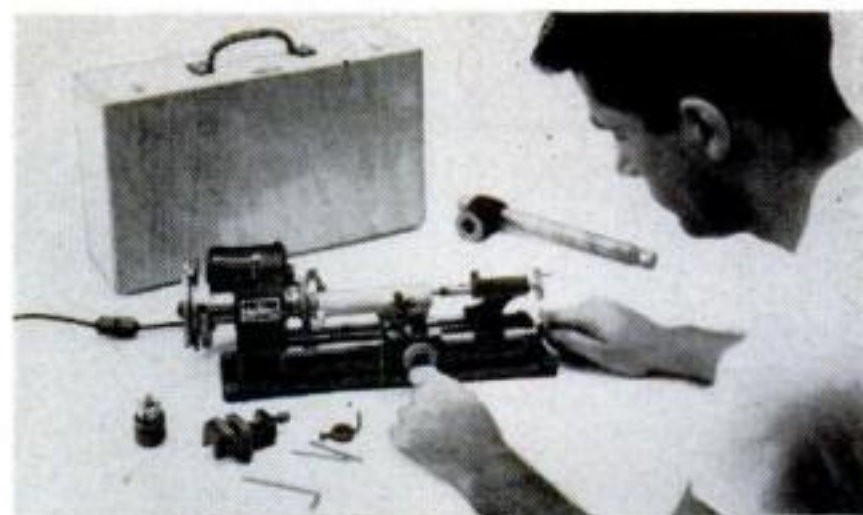
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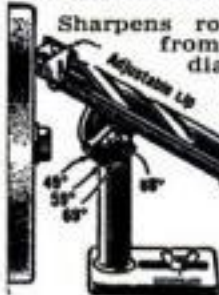


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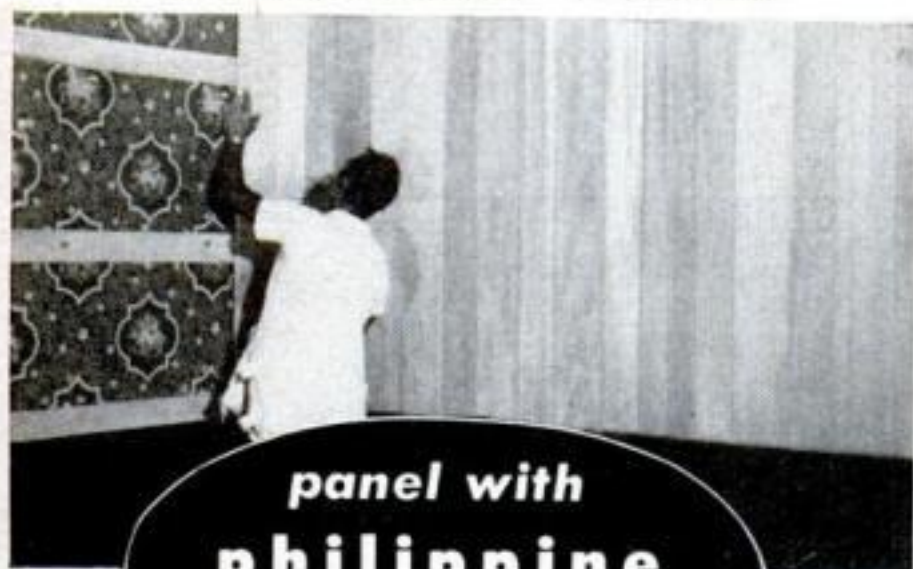
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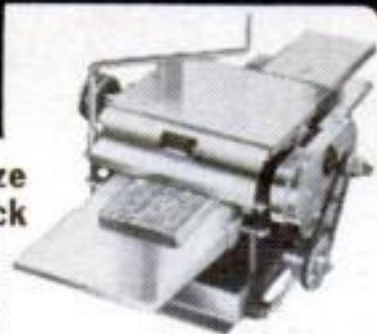
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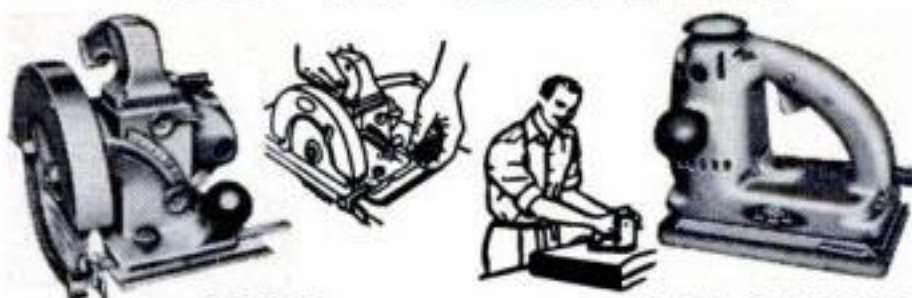
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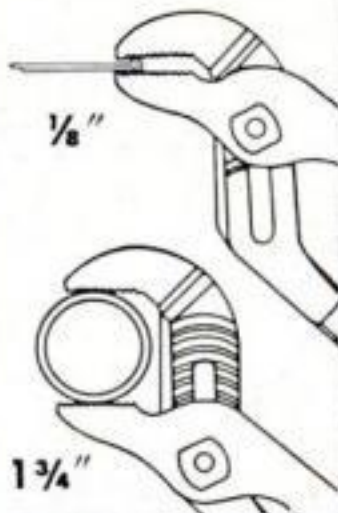
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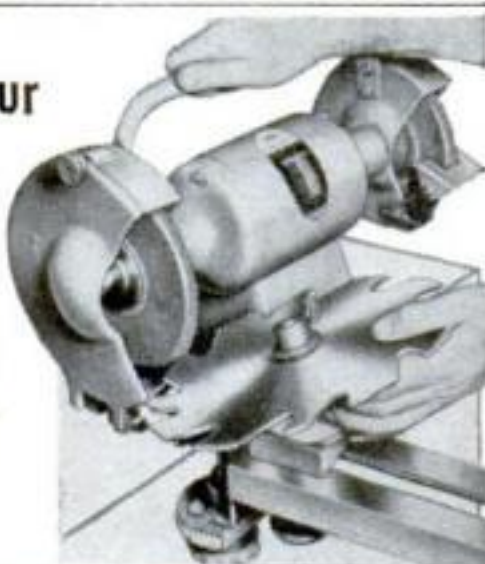
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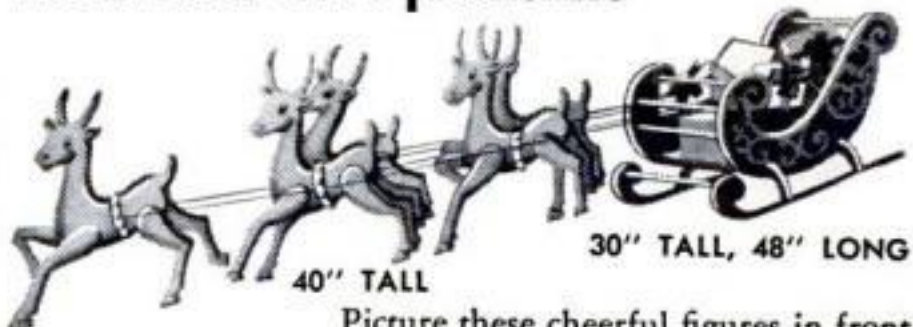


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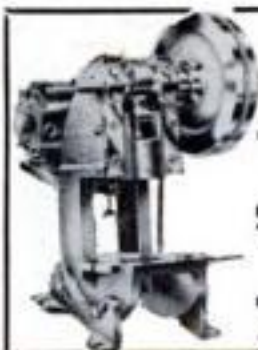
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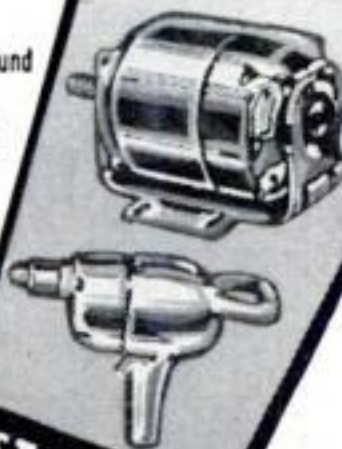


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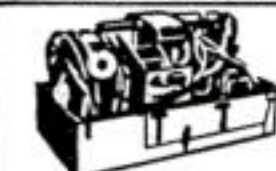
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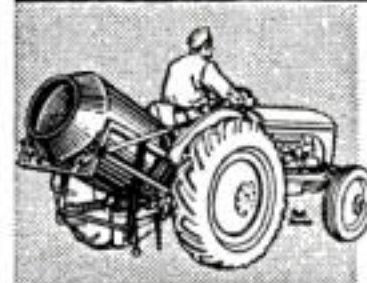
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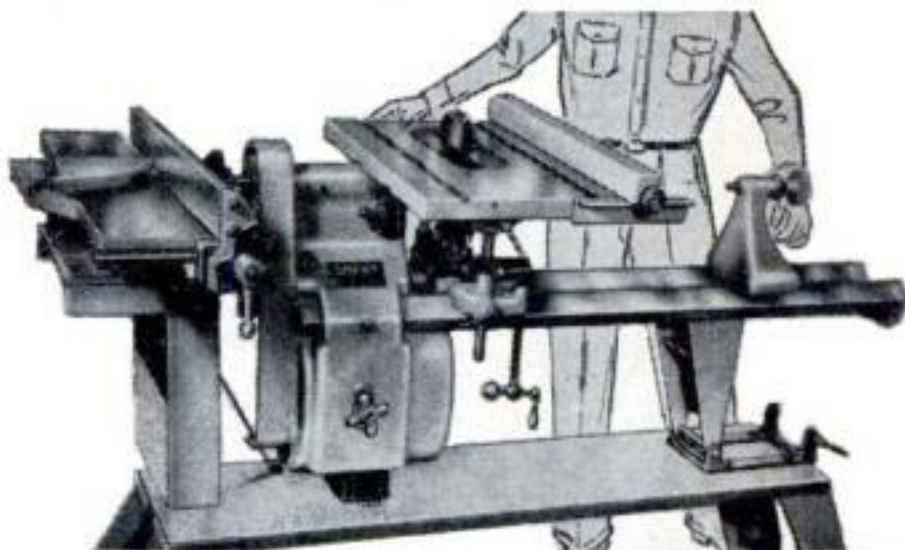
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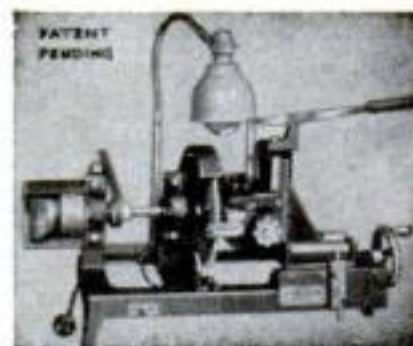


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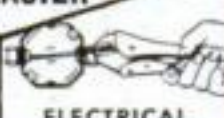
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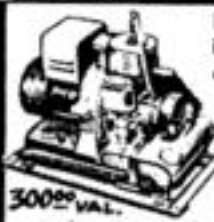
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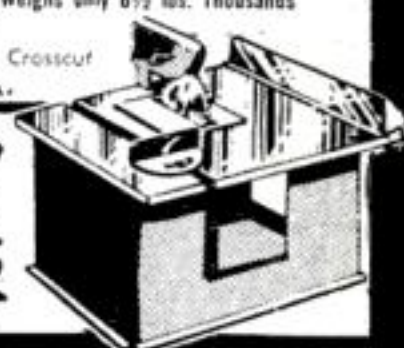
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The Hayden Corporation's 1957 version of the 1925 Tin Goose will be called the Stout Bushmaster, after the late William B. Stout, who designed the Ford model. Bigger and faster than the Ford, it will be powered by a trio of 450-hp. Pratt & Whitney engines and will cruise at 125 with a gross load of 12,500 pounds. Its cabin and fuselage will be 18 inches wider, increasing cargo space by 180 cubic feet. The new model will carry 21 passengers.

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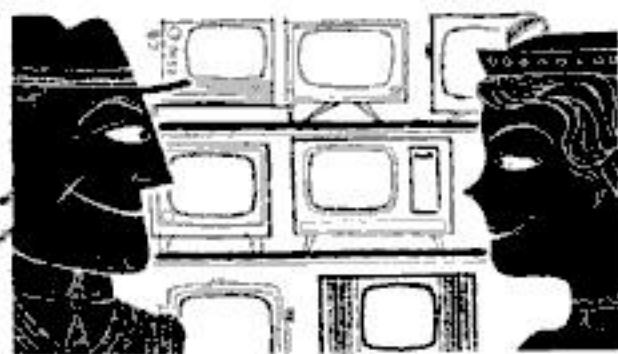
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What's with TV sets this year? You'll get the facts and figures in the December **POPULAR SCIENCE**. There are more, cheaper color receivers—but is '57 the year for color? The glamorous portables are catching everyone's eye—but how do they stack up against the old reliable 21-incher? And plenty's happening to that old reliable as automatic manufacturing and new circuits revamp its insides.

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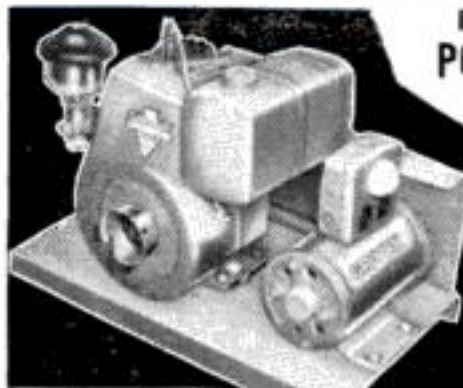
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Total head-feet	Speed	H.P.	GPM
25	3600 RPM	3	180
35	3000 RPM	1 1/4	90
20	2400 RPM	1 1/4	75

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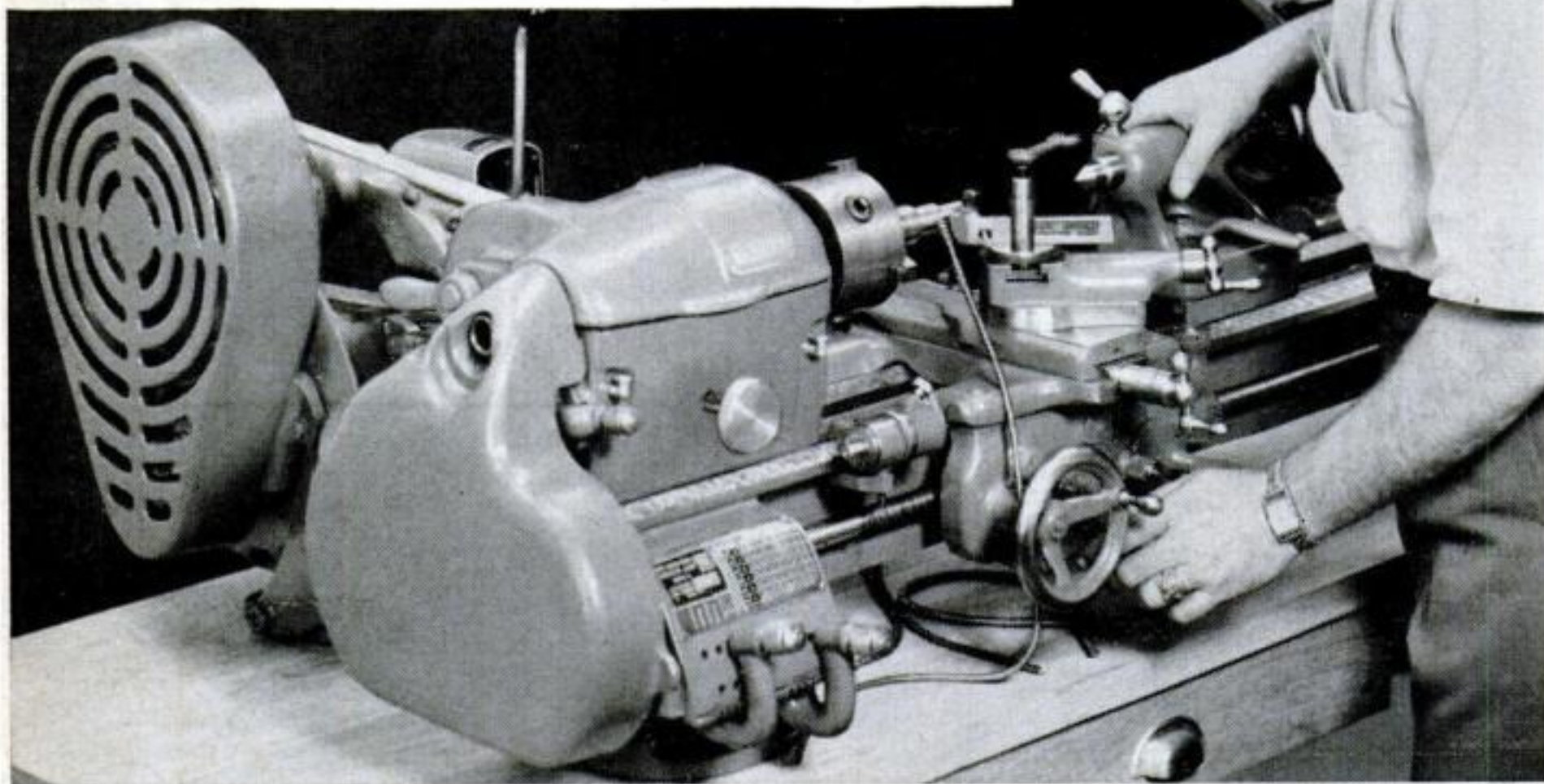
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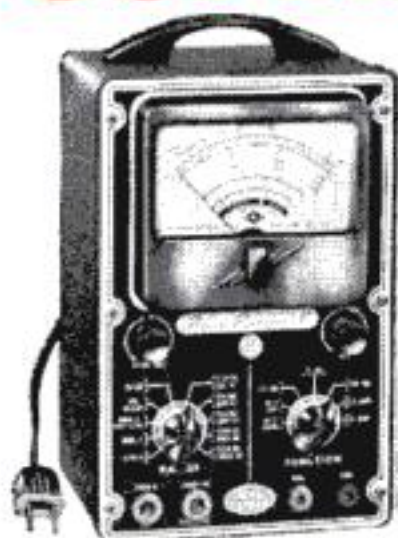
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MEASUREMENTS

### ADDED FEATURE:

Built in ISOLATION TRANSFORMER reduces possibility of burning out meter through mis-use.

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OUTPUT VOLTS: 0 to 15/30/150/300/1,500/3,000 Volts  
D.C. CURRENT: 0 to 1.5/15/150 Ma. 0 to 1.5/15 Amperes  
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One of the most important improvements, we believe, is the fact that the 4 position fast-action snap switches are all numbered in exact accordance with the standard R.M.A. numbering system.

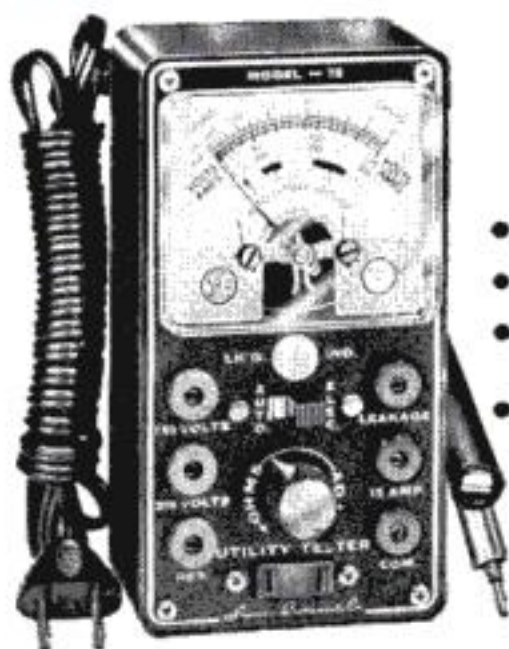
Thus, if the element terminating in pin No. 7 of a tube is under test, button No. 7 is used for that test.

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